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"I'M ALONE" CASE NEARS END AFTER 5 YEARS HEARING

Rum-Runner Sunk By Coastguard Cutter

CANADA CLAIMS HEAVY COMPENSATION

Washington, To-day. After five years the final hearing of the famous rum-runner "I'm Alone" opened before the Commissioners.

The case has repeatedly cropped in the American courts since March, 1929, when an American coastguard cutter sank the "I'm Alone" with her cargo of 2,800 cases of rum and whisky off the Louisiana coast. Canada claims \$77,560 damages for the loss of the vessel.

The two main points still to be decided are the ownership of the vessel and the exact spot at which she was sunk. Canada claims that the "I'm Alone" was owned by the Eugene Cresser Shipping Company, of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, and that the vessel was sunk outside the 12-mile limit specified in the British-American anti-rum pact. On the other hand the United States contends that the vessel was owned by a man already serving a sentence for smuggling and that the rum-runner was sunk eight and a quarter miles from the shore after refusing the coast-guard cutter's order to stop. — Reuter.

LORD HEWART TO WED TO-DAY

Good-looking Brunette The Bride

London, to-day. The London dailies this morning state that Lord Chief Justice Hewart, who recently caused a furore in the House of Lords, is to-day marrying Miss Jean Stewart, a good looking brunette in the thirties and the cousin of Sir William Peel. Though the greatest secrecy surrounds the wedding no official announcement has been made. — Reuter.

NEW JAPANESE OIL LAW

British And American Representations

FOREIGN COMPANIES JEOPARDISED

London, To-day. Further representations to the Japanese Foreign Office were made on Thursday by both the British and United States Embassies in Tokyo in regard to the effect of the Japanese Oil Law upon foreign companies. It is understood that the proposed Manchukuo oil monopoly was not discussed on this occasion.

The new Japanese law, which requires companies to store a six months supply of oil, gives the Government the power to fix quotas and prices. As it was recently announced, the fixing of the quotas would mean that all the increase in

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COMMODITY EXCHANGE AND CRUDE OIL

New York, to-day. The Commodity Exchange expects to start trading in crude oil and gasoline futures around February 1. — United Press per S. E. Levy and Company.



Undaunted by the court decision making her daughter a ward of state under her aunt's guardianship, Mrs. Gloria Morgan Vanderbilt, the beautiful widow of Reginald Vanderbilt has appealed. This picture was taken in her New York home as she announced the appeal plan.

SILVER EXPORTS FROM CHINA

Expected Order To Foreign Banks

EXPORTED SILVER TO BE BROUGHT BACK?

Shanghai, To-day. The "Shanghai Times" learns that the Ministry of Finance may within a few days officially sanction the proposal of the Chinese bankers that foreign banks be asked to ship back the silver they have exported during the past few months and use it for legitimate business purposes. Such amounts would be registered so as to be exempt from export tax and equalization charge if re-exported. — Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR ADVANCES

Silver Prices Improve

The local dollar has risen 1/8, opening on demand this morning at 1/8 1/2. Spot and forward silver prices have improved 1/4, closing at 24 1/2 and 24 1/2, respectively. The London on New York cross-rates was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.93%, as compared with £-U.S.\$4.93%. The New York on London rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.93%, as compared with £-U.S.\$4.94.

S. AFRICAN CRIME WAVE

Second Victim Of Car Attack Succumbs

Capetown, To-day. Miss Inez Ellenberger's companion, Mr. Claude Felbert, has succumbed to his wounds. — Reuter.

Washington, to-day. The Federal Reserve has reported that the nation's bank deposits for 1934 have gained by \$5,700,000,000 millions. — United Press per S. E. Levy and Company.

Camps For Britain's Jobless

London, To-day. The provision, next year, of more camps for the unemployed from the distressed areas of the United Kingdom is understood to be receiving serious consideration.

It is hoped to double this year's number of 15 "hutment" semi-permanent camps and 12 supplementary tented summer camps, in

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U.S. DELEGATES DO NOT EXPECT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS

MUST BE RADICAL CHANGE IN JAPANESE VIEWS

FUTURE DEPENDS ON BRITAIN

London, To-day.

Prospects of a resumption of the naval talks are growing very dim. The Americans, who are sailing homeward to-day, have given a definite understanding that they do not expect to return either for further conversations or a naval conference unless there is a radical change in the Japanese view which would give a more hopeful basis for future discussions.

The Americans are leaving with the impression that the Japanese view is unchanged. Whether any change is possible depends on the outcome of future Anglo-Japanese negotiations through diplomatic channels.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT VICE-ADMIRAL YAMAMOTO WILL NOT REMAIN LONG IN LONDON, ALTHOUGH HITHERTO HE HAS NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO SAIL.

MAX BAER CAUSES SENSATION

Title At Stake Against Levinsky To-night

6-OUNCE GLOVES CONDITION FOR 4-ROUND BOUT

Chicago, To-day. Max Baer, world heavyweight boxing champion, says that he is taking his world title to-night in a 4-round contest against King Levinsky.

If Max Baer is knocked out, he says he will lose his title, otherwise there will be no decision.

Baer's only request in this strange arrangement is that both he and Levinsky should fight with six ounce gloves. — Reuter.

PICKFAIR DIVORCE DEFINITE

Action Down For Trial At Los Angeles

Los Angeles, To-day. Miss Mary Pickford's lawyer is quoted as saying that he is instructed to proceed immediately after January 1 with proceedings for divorce against Douglas Fairbanks, Sen.

He has filed an affidavit in the Superior Court showing service of divorce made by mail, thus completing the last legal step before a date can be set for the trial of the action. — Reuter.

It will be remembered that Douglas Fairbanks was recently named as co-respondent in the divorce case against Lady Ashley, formerly Miss Sylvia Hawkes, the actress.

COUSIN SAVES WOMAN

Attempted Robbery In Broad Daylight

YAU MATI INCIDENT

But for the assistance of Wong Wah, her cousin, Tsang Yuk Ying, 44-year-old married woman of No. 10 Shek Ku Yeung Road 2nd floor, would have been robbed of \$548 in Tung Fong Street, Yaumati, at 12.15 p.m. yesterday.

In her report to the Police she stated that she was walking along the street carrying a raffian basket containing \$548, which represented loans to coolies of the Sanitary Board Department, Kowloon, when three men assaulted her, attempting to tie a towel which contained pepper, round her eyes.

Her cousin came on the scene and the three "thieves", after a brief struggle, took to their heels.

WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy weather, with drizzle or mist, and fresh north-east winds, was the weather forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.



The shadow of the crown of Britain (below) hangs over the immediate future of Princesses Irene (left) and Elizabeth (right) of Greece, as they are declared in European reports to be considered eligible brides for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who has delighted hundreds of girls by choosing them as dancing partners, without ever making up his mind to marry one.

CYPRUS FLOODS FOLLOW DISASTROUS DROUGHT

Reservoir Bursts Banks

London, to-day. Heavy rain has fallen in Cyprus, thus ending the disastrous drought which has prevailed there in recent years.

Unfortunately the downpour was so severe that it caused a rupture in the biggest water reservoir on the island which led to destructive floods. — British Wireless Service.

MORAL CAMPAIGN IN GERMANY

Wholesale Arrests Admitted

Berlin, To-day.

Three hundred arrests for alleged offences against morals are admitted in authoritative quarters, in connection with the reported Nazi purge, but it is stated that 200 have since been released. — Reuter.

NEW JAPANESE ENVOY

Count K. Mushakoye Arrives In Berlin

Berlin, To-day.

Count Kimimoto Mushakoye, the new Japanese Ambassador to Germany, has arrived here with his wife. They were received at the station by Count Basewitz and other high officials, with the entire Embassy staff. — Reuter.

It is notified that the name of the Nippon Tobacco Company, Ltd., has been struck off the register.

SHIPPING DISPUTE

SETTLEMENT SEEN FOLLOWING CONFERENCE

YUET ON OWNERS' ACTION

MAIN CAUSE FOR ANXIETY

Considerable progress has been made this morning in connection with the local shipping dispute, and the atmosphere is now considered to be a great deal more friendly.

There is a definite hope that the strike, arranged for midnight, may be averted.

The only fly in the ointment at the moment is the action of the owners of the Yuet On, who have dismissed all their officers on the receipt of their notices of suspension should the demands of the Guild not be met. It is believed that Russians have been employed to fill the vacancies.

The China Coast Officers' Guild, however, have made the stipulation that these officers must be reinstated and must not be liable to any penalties. This practically places the onus of the settlement of the dispute on the owners of the Yuet On.

"All the masters of the ships concerned have been definitely instructed not to leave their vessels on any account unless instructed to do so in writing by the owners or managers," Captain W. E. Kirby, Secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild told the China Mail this morning.

SEVEN OWNERS AGREE "Seven ship owners have agreed to pay the arbitration scale of wages as from next Tuesday, and it is possible that they may also agree to sign the agreements drawn up by the China Coast Officers' Guild," Mr. P. H. Sin, representative of the owners, told the China Mail this morning.

Mr. Sin said that the owners are agreeing to the terms purely for the benefit of Colony's commerce as they do not wish to jeopardise trade.

ARTHUR CARR DISGUSTED WITH RULING BODY

"Weak-Kneed Lot" In Cricket Dispute

TROUBLE EXPECTED

London, To-day. Arthur Carr, a former England Test cricket captain, and a firm supporter of Dr. Jardine, the former England Test Captain, who resolutely supported Larwood and Voce's fast bowling, is disgusted with Notts' apology to the Australian Cricket manager for Voce's bowling against the Australians, and supposes that the bowlers will now be instructed how to bowl, which means the end of fast bowling.

Carr thinks that the policy adopted by the M.C.C. Committee reveals them as "a weak-kneed lot." (Continued on Page 9.)

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MAIL SCHEDULES

The Postmaster General announces that as from 1st November the Parcel Post rates to the United Kingdom will be reduced to:

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM JAPAN

Bokuyo Maru	Jan. 1
Hawani	" 1
Brisbane Maru	" 4

FROM U.S.A.

Emp. of Canada	Jan. 4
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FROM MANILA

Nellore	Jan. 2
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FROM SHANGHAI

Andre Lebon	Jan. 1
Momon	" 2
Burawan	" 4

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Ginyo Maru	Dec. 29
Moroka Maru	" 29
Cachias	" 31
Nellore	Jan. 2

OUTWARD MAILS.
FOR EUROPE

Corfu (Amsterdam Air Mail)	Dec. 29
Closes: Reg. 9 a.m. Ord. 9.30 a.m.	

Burdwan (via Marseilles)	Jan. 4
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.	

FOR AMERICA

Boyuyo Maru	Jan. 4
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FOR JAPAN

Boyuyo Maru	Jan. 4
Hakozaki Maru	" 4

FOR SHANGHAI

Sunning	Dec. 29
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Hakozaki Maru	Jan. 4
Huiyang	" 4
Boyuyo Maru	" 4

FOR MANILA

Pres. Jackson	Dec. 29
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Emp. of Canada	Jan. 4
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FROM INDIA

Corfu	Dec. 29
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Hawani Maru	Jan. 4
Hakone Maru	" 4

FOR STRAITS

Burdwan	Jan. 4
Hakone Maru	" 4
Conte Rosso	" 4

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The Woman's Page

Let Women Study The Art Of The Train Lessons At Their Dressmakers

(By The Hon. Mrs. C. W. Forester)



London. Crepe satin and much crinkled crepe in black are among the soft clinging fabrics used for more formal afternoon and night wear. Faintly in dark shades and many highly coloured taffetas ring the changes. The magnificence of distinctive evening clothes is demonstrated in velvet, broche, lame and many metal and beautiful embroidered weaves. The new dark uncrushable velvets are an ideal selection for the clinging, graceful gown, with draperies and train.

There is a hint of the return to the Du Maurier type of woman of over a quarter of a century ago. The modern poise is well studied, and all the latest movements make for grace and slenderness.

Even the fuller draperies have a clever clip-in look at the knees, so that they escape a too voluminous aspect.

Dignity Givers

There is an atmosphere of dignity and superiority about trains. They were bound to come with the cape and feathered headgear. For the last year or two fashion has affected a more formal and feminine trend.

While the modern girl must have speed for day, she cultivates grace for evening. It is sometimes difficult to realise that the tennis or swimming expert or any typical sports girl can be transformed into the lovely elegant woman who carries her head and shoulders so well poised, with the weight of beautiful fabrics trailing behind her.

There are many kinds of trains. Extreme youth will dare the wispy fish-tail points, a flounce that dips or a rounded pleat. Some slender draperies just end with a point but a quarter of a yard on the ground. By no means easy is that small point—neither are two points, with ends weights on the ground.

The best and most graceful trained frocks are either in heavy drapery of some sumptuous material such as lame or velvet, or the ingeniously cut slim stream-line that has a crepe, silver, or silk clipped-in air about the knees, with an inverted fan-like insertion of the fabric behind. Either of these trains can be impressive and yet not overwhelming.

Some gold or silver cloths are accordion-pleated from the knee, which ensures the back falling and spreading out in the most graceful manner.

These have an underslip, slim, tight and slit, which enables the wearer to hold up the train easily by means of a hand-loop.

I saw a charming model in raisin georgette (with a separate dinner cape of velvet) admirably adapted for dancing. It fastened up the back, was moulded to the figure as far as where at the back the fabric sprang out into a definite train, which flowed gracefully on the ground, but had a loop that could be comfortably held up whilst dancing. A crepe-satin in black was

treated in a similar fashion; the owner could be equally happy at a dinner party or in a crowded ballroom.

Such contrivances are very necessary for those who dance in small places and in exclusive restaurants. The train need not be a bugbear; it can add to dignity and height. The wrap for evening should be of a certain importance.

Avoid Clutching

The long, graceful cape came in at an opportune moment to assist the trained gown of grace. The debutante should get a few hints from her dressmaker how to carry her train to advantage. Let the loop be taken from the centre and be part of the dress. The under-slip must be perfect and just clear the ground. Above all, avoid clutching of drapery.

The real train is separate from the underdress. In the case of the picture gown, when drapery falls around, remember it is not meant for the dance. The wearer must only glide gracefully, lifting the side or front as she moves slowly along.

SHORT COATS

Some of the short coats have a seam below the waist, and so produce a tiny flared basque. The trim "tailleurs" are attractive. In contrast, we have the longer and more dressy tunic, which assists in ringing the changes. A light wool satin or velvet skirt looks well with a gay tunic, or black with white corduroy.

NOURISHING THE SKIN

To nourish the skin of the lids and the surrounding tissue, apply an oil there in three to four moments is completely absorbed. Rinsing out the eye itself with a mild lotion, completes the home treatment.

Hats To Wear In Winter

London. Hats for the winter differ somewhat from their early autumn predecessors.

Since Princess Marina became engaged to the Duke of Kent, her favourite pill box caps have become very popular.

Brimless caps are not universal becoming; so there are hats with brims, which illustrates the tendency to wear hats pulled well forward, and for brims to be long rather than wide. For the rest, the material is angora felt, fine and pliable. The low crown is folded so that, seen sideways, the shape suggests a rudder.

Velvet is still used for caps. Larger hats are made, for the most part, of felt with a satin-like surface.

Pigeon Plumage

For the jaunty little cap however, Eve Valere uses black pigeon breast plumage and trims it with



Black shot with gold metal threads fashions this interesting suit worn by Rosalind Russell, screen actress. Silver fox forms the collar and wraps in an interesting manner about the sleeves. The blouse is of gold lame.

NEVER DISCARD A GARMENT

NEVER discard a garment until you are sure that it has given every hour of service it is capable of giving. Often the garment which hangs limp and useless in the closet is only pausing between acts.

Brand new coats, hats, scarves, negligees, underwear, and accessories often await only a skilful hand and a vivid imagination to be conjured out of those discarded garments which look as if they were halfway to the rag-bag.

stiff little bows of black moire ribbon. This kind of cap is especially well adapted for wear with the curled forehead fringe affected by many smart women.

The third hat, of black felt, is very smart. The black felt quill used for trimming is set in a base of plaited felt and velvet.

An interesting corner of the recently enlarged Eve Valere hat salons is devoted to inexpensive models. Here hats are modelled on the heads of buyers. As there are about three hundred shapes from which to choose it is easy to find something becoming, no matter how difficult the features of the wearer may be.

Youth is catered for in another way. Eve Valere is famous for her evening frocks. She is showing a collection of inexpensive dance dresses made from lame, both plain and patterned, and other materials, for the winter dance season.

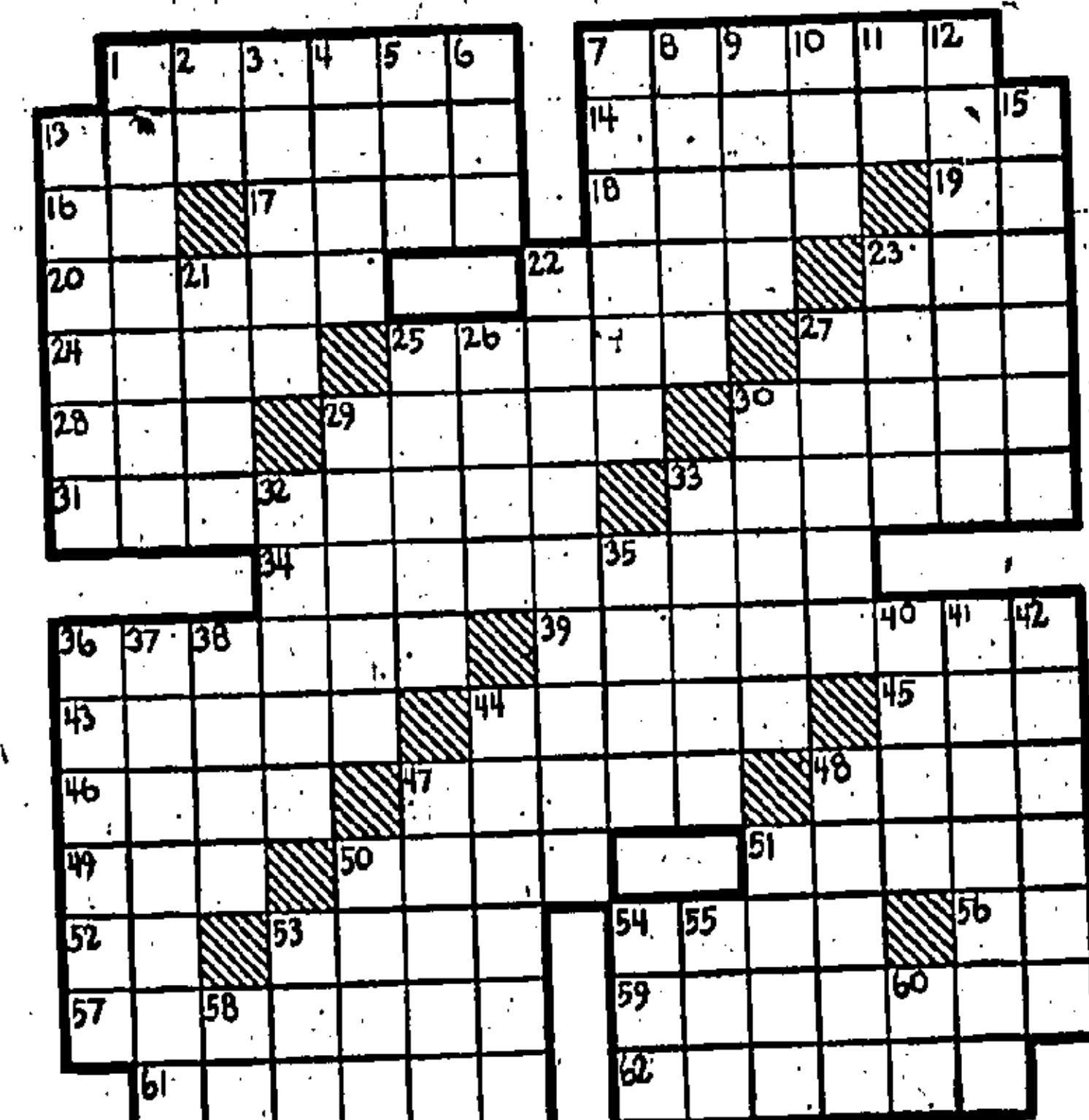
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

1-Expressed disapproval
7-Sand-banks or bars
13-Retribution
14-More dilatory
15-The (Sp.)
17-Anger
18-In
19-A diphthong
20-Stumber
22-A conjunction (pl.)
23-Mineral spring
24-Half a score (pl.)
25-Steps, as a hole
27-A monk's cowl
28-Any (Obs.)
29-Dense
30-Same as Saar
31-To direct again
33-Dogmas
34-Forsaking
35-A fruit (pl.)
37-Large richly laden ships
43-To make glossy
44-Fugitive
45-RAW metal
46-Oceanic
47-One who pries
48-Heavenly body
49-Organ of hearing

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

50-An insect
51-Purview
52-Secretary of State (abbr.)
53-A drug plant
54-Girl's name
55-Half an arm
57-Entrance, signals (Muz.)
59-Arrange
61-Compilation
62-Guides

VERTICAL

1-A Greek
2-Four (Rom.)
3-Wither
4-Break suddenly
5-Incile
6-Scotch river
7-Spurs
8-Part of the arm (pl.)
9-Worthless leavings
10-Bustle
11-Fifty-one (Rom.)
12-A harbor
13-One who rests
15-Possessive of
21-Girl's name
22-A continent
23-Inflamed place on the skin
25-Iron
26-Any string
27-Suspense
28-Small inlet
30-Spanish title
32-Lottery
33-A wild animal
35-A large plant
36-To value for taxation
37-Gratified
38-A fruit
40-A small part
41-Rubbers
42-Quilt
44-Most liberal
47-Complices
48-Mold
50-Escape
51-One of a tribe of Indians
53-Angle (abbr.)
54-Without surviving issue (Lat., abbr.)
55-Science
58-Nickel (abbr.)
60-Arab (abbr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue.

LEADER FURNITURE

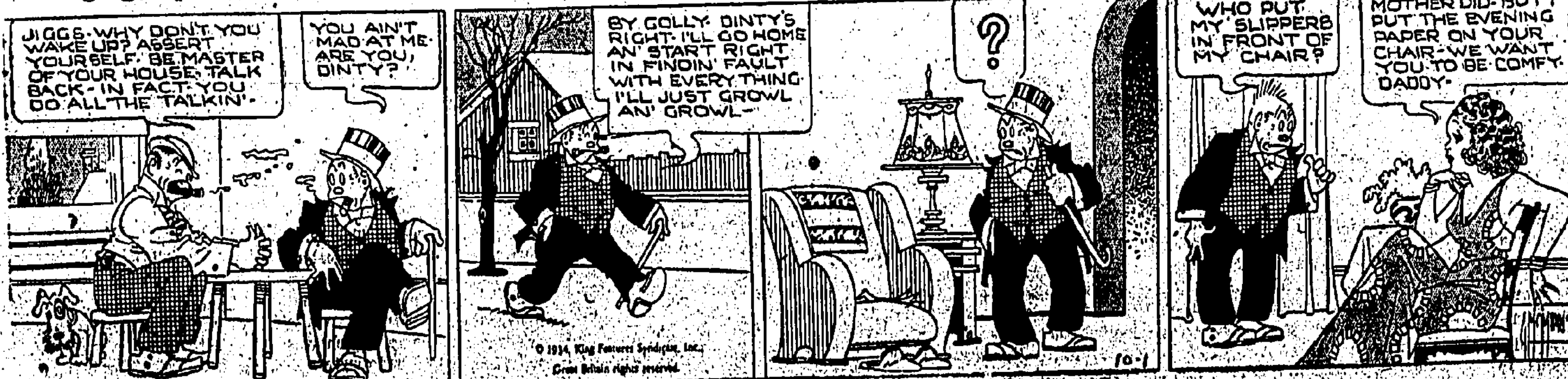
LEATHER furniture generally requires some special cleaning. It can first of all be wiped over with soap and water, and after drying can be rubbed with a little white of egg, which forms a protective skin. The leather is then polished with very little cream.

It is important that only the smallest possible amount should be used, and that it should be removed in polishing, otherwise the leather will be sticky and show every finger mark.

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Mountain Lodge	1,725
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Peak Hotel	1,805
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Amusements**Cinema Notes**

"DOWN TO THEIR LAST YACHT"
—KING'S THEATRE
"Down To Their Last Yacht," now at King's Theatre is a lavish musical extravaganza. It is permeated with new song hits and exotic dances, vast and colourful ensembles.

The picture concerns the adventures of two contrasting classes: a group of former aristocrats whose vast fortunes have been swept away, and a party of newly-rich social climbers bent upon living the life of Riley. These groups are brought together on a yachting cruise to the South Seas.

When the yacht is wrecked and the party stranded on a beautiful island, the two factions are united in the common cause of rebelling against the tyranny of an exotic island queen.

Mary Boland portrays the fiery tempered island queen, who rules with an iron hand, but who has a penchant for marrying at frequent intervals.

The cast includes Sidney Blackmer, Sidney Fox, Polly Moran, Ned Sparks, Sterling Holloway, Charles Coleman, Marjorie Gateson, Helen Collins, Tom Kennedy, Hazel Forbes and Irene Franklin.

"MERRY WIDOW"—QUEEN'S THEATRE.

All the famous songs of the Franz Lehár masterpiece, "Merry Widow," are presented in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's musical romance of the same name, featuring Maurice Chevalier and Jeannette MacDonald, now at the Queen's Theatre.

The hauntingly romantic "Villa" is sung by Miss MacDonald, as are "To-night Will Teach Me to Forget," "Melody for Laughter" and "Widows are Gay." Chevalier's songs include "I'm Gonna to Maxim's" and "Girls, Girls, Girls." Together, Miss MacDonald and Chevalier sing "The Merry Widow Waltz." A male chorus renders "We'll Go to Cafe De Paris."

In addition, the Franz Lehár music in its original form embellishes the "Can-Can" ballet at Maxim's, the Marshovian ballet, the huge Albertina Rasch waltz ballet and other spectacular details.

Chevalier and Miss MacDonald head a huge cast which includes Edward Everett Horton, Una Merkel, George Barbier, Sterling Holloway, Donald Meek and Herman Bing.

Hundreds of gorgeously costumed players, huge and spectacular settings, and unique effects lend fresh glamour to the picture.

"SMARTY"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

"Smarty," the story of a rotating wife who furnishes some of the strangest and most hilarious marital tangles imaginable, is now showing at the Alhambra Theatre with Joan Blondell and Warren Williams in the leading roles.

The plot, based on the play by F. Hugh Herbert, concerns a young bride, beautiful but irritating, who longs to be crushed and mauled and beaten up in true cave-man style by her love mate.

Jean Blondell plays the part of the beautiful, but spoiled, wife, who goes from the arms of one husband to another and back again, while Warren Williams and Edward Everett Horton have the roles of the husbands. Both are too soft with her, but she gets a thoroughly satisfactory beating before the curtain goes down.

Others in the cast include Frank McHugh, Claire Dodd, Joan Wheeler, Virginia Sale and Leonard Carey.

"LADY KILLER"—STAR THEATRE

"Lady Killer," a melodrama featuring James Cagney and Mae Clarke, is Warner Brothers' current release at the Star Theatre.

The picture, based on a story written by Rosalind Keating, won't Myrt and Marge, thousands Shaffer, is a satire on America's film colony, relating to the astounding rise to screen fame of an ex-crook by a unique publicity stunt.

Miss Clarke and Cagney, who Jackson, J. Farrell MacDonald, Ray give superb characterisations, are Hedger, Grace Hayes, and Trilby supported by Margaret Lindsay.



These highest prelates of the Roman Catholic Church in Mexico face arrest on sedition charges. Archbishop Ruiz y Flores, Papal Delegate, is in exile in San Antonio and Archbishop Diaz is reported ready to flee the country.

AMAZING FINDS IN THE SALE-ROOM**Story Of Ashburton Sevres Vases**

The talk in the art world recently has been about a Rubens sketch bringing 1,450 guineas after having been picked up at a remote country sale for £7.

The veteran dealer, Mr. J. Rochelle Thomas, told a story to cap it. In 1911 there was an auction at Melchet Court, near Rome, of the "remaining effects" of the late Louisa Lady Ashburton.

Knowing that she had bought some very fine Sevres in her day, the Paris dealers crossed the Channel. But when three beautiful vases came up a whisper went round the room "Minton merely," and they took flight.

A very shrewd London collector thus had no difficulty in winning the set at only 70 guineas.

He duly had them put into a sale at Christie's. There he had the satisfaction of seeing the same set of dealers (with the scales dropped from their eyes) bidding eagerly. The final call was 3,200 guineas.

DOWRIES FOR GOOD GIRLS ONLY**Taunton Resident's Bequest**

Brides to share in a £10,000 trust fund to provide them with marriage portions were recently selected at Taunton, Somerset, by a local solicitor and business men.

The fund was left by a prominent resident, Mr. Charles Tite, who died recently. The recipients were to be "young girls of unblemished character," the daughters of poor Taunton parents.

There have been many applications.

"OPERATOR 13"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

A tense romantic drama of the American Civil War, "Operator 13," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's latest production, is the current feature picture at the Oriental Theatre.

The picture, in which Gary Cooper and Marion Davies are co-starred, is based on the story written by the late Robert W. Chambers. With the Civil War as the background, the story deals with the intriguing spy systems of both the northern and southern armies, out of which arises one of the finest romances of the War.

Supporting the two leading players are—Katherine Alexander, Jean Parker, Ted Healy, Russell Hardie, Douglas Dunbrille, Willard Robertson, Sidney Toler and the Four Mills Brothers.

"MYRT AND MARGE"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

"Myrt and Marge," the two famous radio stars, are featured in a Universal comedy romance now showing at the Majestic Theatre.

Humour, drama and songs, which written by Rosalind Keating, won't Myrt and Marge, thousands Shaffer, is a satire on America's film colony, relating to the astounding rise to screen fame of an ex-crook by a unique publicity stunt.

Supporting the two stars are Ted Healy, Eddie Foy, Jr., Thomas Jackson, J. Farrell MacDonald, Ray give superb characterisations, are Hedger, Grace Hayes, and Trilby supported by Margaret Lindsay.

IMPROVEMENTS IN HUSBANDRY**Chinese Government Plans Assistance****EXPERIMENTAL STATIONS FOR NORTH-WEST**

Nanking.—For the development of agriculture in the North-west six agricultural experimental stations will be established early next spring by the National North-western Agricultural College at Chinghai, Lanchow, Chiuchuan, Pingliang, Tianshui and Ninghsia.

Surveys of the sites of the projected experimental stations have already been completed by a group of agricultural experts dispatched to the north-western provinces by the College early last July, and a detailed report on their mission has been formulated and submitted to the authorities concerned. Aside from surveying the sites of the experimental stations the group have also collected a large number of biological and geological specimens of rare value and taken many pictures of the agricultural and geographical conditions in the North-west.

Land Carefully Selected

According to the report, the locations of the projected experimental stations have the following good points: (1) adjacent to both urban and suburban districts; (2) spacious and fertile; (3) suitably situated for agricultural and animal husbandry experiments; (4) well-irrigated; (5) with adequate communication facilities; and (6) with peaceful surroundings.

The Chinghai Agricultural Experimental Station will be located at Chinghai, a town 45 li to the west of Sining, capital of Chinghai Province, occupying a total of 1,000 mou of hilly and flat land. The flat land here is understood to be suitable for experiments in ordinary agricultural products and the hilly land for afforestation and animal husbandry.

Cotton, Tobacco, Fruit.—The Lanchow Agricultural Experimental Station will be located 85 li to the west of Kaolan, Kansu, occupying also a total of 1,000 mou of hilly and flat land. The hilly land here will be devoted to tree-planting and animal-breeding and the flat land, being well-irrigated and exceptionally fertile, to the planting of cotton, tobacco, and various kinds of fruit-trees and vegetables.

The Chiuchuan Agricultural Experimental Station will be situated at Shuimowan, about 2 li to the east of Chiuchuan, Kansu, with a total of 1,000 mou of well-irrigated and saltish land, which will be used for experiments in the planting of cotton and shrubby plants respectively.

Common Agricultural Products.—The location of the Pingliang Agricultural Experimental Station has been fixed at Michiawan, about 15 li to the east of the city of Pingliang, Kansu, with a total area measuring 500 mou approximately. This station will be used primarily for carrying on experiments in common agricultural products. Another piece of land will be secured in the neighbourhood in the future for afforestation and animal husbandry.

The Tianshui Agricultural Experimental Station will be situated at Chaochiayen, near Tienanhsien, capital of the province. Cotton, considered the most fertile part of the Kansu province, taking advantage of its fertility the station, Central News Agency.

BRIDGE NOTES
IMPORTANCE OF RIGHT LEAD

by Ely Culbertson.

When a Bridge player, out of all the cards in his hand, selects what is apparently the killing opening to defeat a slam bid, his feelings can better be imagined than described when, upon being placed in the lead again, he is compelled to make a subsequent lead which gives back all the advantage.

This was the unhappy experience of the West player in the hand below in playing against Mr. John Sherman and Mr. Horace Block. Mr. Sherman held the North hand and Mr. Block the South.

East, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable.

North—
S—
H—A 8
D—A J 9 7 2
C—A K Q 8 6 5
West—
S—A K Q 10 5 4 3 2
H—7
D—K Q
C—9 7
East—
S—J 8 6
H—K Q J 6 5 4
D—5 3
C—J 2
South—
S—9 7
H—10 9 8 2
D—10 8 6 4
C—10 4 3

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

1—The immediate overcall in the opponents' bid suit, forcing to game.
2—It would seem that East might take some action here, but he decides to wait and listen.
3—Mr. Block, with a trickless hand, decides to show a bust by bidding a minor rather than encourage his partner by bidding his four-card major suit.
4—Even at four spades West cannot be badly hurt. Apparently he has nine certain tricks in his hand.
5—Fearing that any other bid will be dropped by South, Mr. Sherman decides to bid the small slam at once, rather than risk playing against the possibility of the club suit being bunched in one of the adverse hands.

West, correctly deciding that Mr. Sherman was void of spades, opened his singleton heart, and it appeared to Mr. Block that he must inevitably be defeated. He won the trick with the Ace and decided to play for a 2-2 break in the diamond suit. He therefore laid down the diamond Ace, upon which West played the Queen. Then he laid down another diamond, and found fortunately that West was forced to win.

It appeared that a heart trick must still be cashed by the East and West players. Therefore both North and South were elated when West returned a spade. East began a verbal castigation of his partner's "dumbness" in failing to continue with the heart lead to the first round of which he had played the King; and he was scarcely content with his partner's explanation that he was unable to lead a suit in which he had no cards remaining.

MOHAMMED'S ROBE

Five million Netherlands guilders is the extraordinary sum for which a Netherlands company is said to have insured the robe of the prophet Mohammed, one of the most valuable relics of Islam, now exhibited in London. Extracts from the Koran are inscribed on the relic, which belongs to the Rajah of Sarawak, Borneo.

with a total area of about 500 mou, will be used for the planting of cotton, rice, and vegetables.

Wheat and Rice.—For the establishment of the Ninghsia Agricultural Experimental Station, General Ma, Hung-kuei, Chairman of the Ninghsia Provincial Government, has promised to grant 2,000 mou of fertile land about 30 li to the north of Ninghsia, capital of the province. Cotton, considered the most fertile part of the Kansu province, taking advantage of its fertility the station, Central News Agency.

RADIO**TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME**

The following programme will be broadcasted to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.H.W. on a wave length of 355 metres (845 K.C.A.):—

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30-1 p.m.—Recorded Music.
1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Recorded Music.
1.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Press News, etc.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
Dance Music from the Hong Kong Hotel
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-12 midnight—European Programme.
7 p.m.—London and New York Stock and Commodity Quotations.
7.05-7.25 p.m.—Orchestral Programme
The Sleeping Beauty—Waltz (Tchaikovsky)
Prelude a L'Après-Midi d'un Faune (Debussy)
Dance Macabre (Dance of Death) (Saint-Saens), Op. 40.
7.25-7.42 p.m.—A Piano Solo Recital by Mitscha Levitski.
1. Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 6 (Liszt).
2. La Campanella (Paganini)—Liszt.
3. Staccato Etude (Rubinstein).
7.42-8 p.m.—Four Songs by Joseph Hislop (Tenor).
1. Down in the Forest (London Ronald).
2. Strew on Her Roses (London Ronald).
3. When I am Dead, My Dearest (London Ronald).
4. A Fair well Matched (London Ronald).
8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.
8.05-8.45 p.m.—Variety.
Piano Solos—
Words and Music—Medley
Solo—Clarice Mayne—Medley
Vocal—Clarice Mayne—Medley
Clarice Mayne (Comedienne).
Instrumental—Smiling Eyes
Hawaiian Love Bird
Vocal Duet—
I'll see you again ("Bitter Sweet") (Coward)
Dear Little Cafe ("Bitter Sweet")
Peggy Wood and George Metzger.
Piano Solo—
Say it with Music—Medley
Solo—Rale da Costa.
Orchestra—
Drury Lane Theatre Memories
8.45-9.05 p.m.—Review of Revues played by Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan.
9.05-9.30 p.m.—Light Opera.
Vocal Glee—
Les Cloches de Corneville (Planquette).
Selection—Dorothy (Cellier).
Vocal Glee—
The Waltz Dream (Strauss)
The Merry Widow (Lehar)
9.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, London 1 p.m. Stock and Commodity Quotations.
9.35-12 midnight—A Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room.
10.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Mid-day Press News, Further London Stock and Commodity Quotations.
12 midnight—Close Down.
All Relays of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestras are by courtesy of the Management.

NO ONE BRITISH IN FREE STATE**Mr. De Valera's Ruling**

Mr. de Valera, on the second reading of the Citizenship Bill in the Dail declared: "No one in the Irish Free State will be a British subject when this Bill becomes Irish law."
"If some other country chooses to regard our citizens as their citizens we will take no cognisance of it as far as our law is concerned."
"When this Bill is passed, if there is any substance at all in the principles that have been agreed upon at some of the Imperial Conferences, it would be an impertinence if the British were to claim as citizens of their country persons who are obviously citizens of another country."

"I take it that such an impertinence will then cease."

"What is the position of Irish men and women born in the six countries (Northern Ireland)? We cannot get over a definite political barrier, and we are not able to legislate with any hope that our legislation would be given effect in all that part of the country that has been cut off."

The second reading was agreed to.

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SPORTING Page

BORDERER PLAYERS MAKE DEBUT FOR KOWLOON TO-DAY

TRIANGULAR RUGBY TOURNAMENT CLUB AND ARMY FIELD DEPLETED SIDES NEWCOMERS IN ARMY PACK

(By "REFEREE")

BOTH the Club and the Army will be fielding depleted sides this afternoon when they meet in their second encounter in the Triangular Rugby tournament at Sookunpoo.

Hubbard, the Army full-back was injured in a practice game against the Suffolk on Thursday, and will be an absentee. His position will be filled by Barry, who played as a wing-forward in the last encounter.

Hamilton and Shipp, who were unable to play in the previous encounter, make their first appearance in the tournament, at scrum-half and right centre-threequarter, respectively.

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL

JAPAN STARS TAKE THE PLUNGE

The All-Japan baseball team, the same group of Japanese stars which made several good showings against Babe Ruth's American Big Leaguers, has formally announced its professional status.

The squad representing Japan's most powerful combine, expects to play in America sometime in 1935, according to reports, raising the belief that the Japanese stars may not make the trip to the Philippines on which they have been approached by the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation.

Some followers of the American national pastime here have suggested that the squad should visit the United States and Hawaii during the American training season, enabling the team to make better showings.

The same squad, while playing under amateur status, whipped Harvard.

JAPANESE GIRL FOR WIMBLEDON

Fiancee of Late Jiro Sato May Go To Europe

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

For the first time in history a Japanese girl will appear on Wimbledon's tennis court in 1936, if Miss Sanae Okada lives up to the expectations of Japan's enthusiasts.

The Japanese Lawn Tennis Association revealed to-day that Baron de Bassompierre, Belgian Ambassador to Tokyo, offered to accompany Miss Okada to Europe next year, when he returns home on furlough. Before entering the famous Wimbledon tournament, the girl is expected to undergo intensive training in Paris and London. Miss Okada was the fiancee of the late Mr. Jiro Sato, Japan's Davis Cup player, who committed suicide in the Malacca Straits last Spring—Rengo.

MR. SOPWITH AND AMERICA'S CUP

Confusion In The Rules

Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith, speaking at the Portsmouth and Southsea Motor Club dinner, said he never would have believed he could have been reduced to such a state of nerves as he was in the America's Cup races.

He came back feeling that he not met a vessel which complied with the rules, but he appreciated the fact that the Americans probably thought the same about his boat. They both put different interpretations on the rules.

"We must get together and make a simple English sentence read the same to both of us," he added.

McAvoy Comes Steps Nearer To Title Bout With Thil

Jack McAvoy, the British middleweight champion, went a step nearer a world's title fight with Marcel Thil by his clear-cut victory over Kid Tunero, the Cuban, before a record crowd at Manchester on December 2.

It was no surprise when the towel was thrown in from the Cuban's corner near the end of the seventh round.

There was a dramatic finish. When the men came up for the seventh, McAvoy then well ahead on points—drove a right hook to the body.

Tunero crashed to the floor. The



Max Baer, the World's Heavyweight Boxing Champion, whose title will be at stake to-night in an amazing bout. (See Page 1).

BELGIUM'S ULTIMATUM TO MAX BAER

MUST MEET PIERRE CHARLES

Paris, Dec. 18.

The International Boxing Union to-day demanded that Max Baer of California, world's boxing heavyweight champion, should meet Pierre Charles, Belgian idol, in a title bout, or the union would withdraw its recognition of the Californian.

The international boxing body's threat came at a time when a tournament is being held among ranking heavyweights to select the challenger for Baer's crown, which the youthful Californian clinched last June 14 by technically knocking out Primo Carnera of Italy.

Three Challengers

Max Schmeling of Germany, Steve Hamas of the United States, and Primo Carnera are among the outstanding challengers for the world title, having emerged victorious in recent elimination bouts.

KID BERG TO MEET FRENCH BOXER

Fight With Humery At Albert Hall

London, Dec. 20.

Jack (Kid) Berg, the British light-weight champion, will risk his title against a French boxer next month.

It was announced here to-day that Berg will clash with "Tiger" Humery, a French lightweight, at the Albert Hall on January 21.

Berg recently won the lightweight crown by defeating Harry Mizler the former holder—Reuter.

HEIN MUELLER RETIRES FROM RING

Hein Mueller, the German heavy-weight boxer, known to London rings, will be unable to fight again because of bad sight. He has started up as a haulage contractor in Cologne.

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TO-DAY'S "NEEDLE" MATCH IN THE CAER CLARK CUP SERIES

C.B.A. CHALLENGE TO CHAMPIONS

H. K. LADIES' CHANGE AT FORWARD

With one defeat in six games and that inflicted by the Central British Association Ladies, whom they meet this afternoon at Sookunpoo, the Hong Kong Ladies will have to produce their very best form in order to avenge themselves, and to make certain of retaining the Caer Clark Cup for another year.

The Central British Association Ladies have had the distinction of being the only team to beat the Hong Kong Ladies in both the Caer Clark Cup and the Seven-A-Side hockey tournament, and on present form there is very little to choose between them.

Change In Attack

The champions' intermediate line is as good as over and will prove the stumbling block to the C.B.A. Ladies' attack.

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MR. AND MRS. KAYLL WIN IN MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS

Hung and Miss Griffiths Lose In Extended Encounter

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kayll, the U.S.R.C. pair, yesterday entered the Semi-Final round of the Colony Mixed Doubles tennis championship when they defeated W. C. Hung and Miss M. Griffiths, the K.C.C. pair, by 7-5, 5-7, 8-3.

The winners now meet H. D. Rumbahn and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu for right of entry to the Final.

"Y" LADIES STRONGER AT FORWARD

Favoured Against Recreio Ladies

MISS THOMSON'S DEBUT

The Y.M.C.A. Ladies and the Recreio Ladies meet in their second Caer Clark Cup fixture this afternoon at King's Park, and the former are expected to win.

In their previous clash, a brilliant display in goal by Miss G. Roza saved the Recreio Ladies from certain defeat, forcing a goalless draw.

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Caer Clark League Table To Date

	P.W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts
H.K. Ladies	6	5	1	0	19	3 10
St. Andrew's	5	4	1	0	13	4 8
C.B.A.	5	3	1	1	15	5 7
"Y" Ladies	5	1	2	2	6	3 4
Recreio	5	1	3	1	4	3 3
C.B.S.	6	0	0	0	2	35 0

CHAMPIONS' JUNIORS TO MEET RECREIO LADIES

The Hong Kong Ladies' junior hockey eleven will meet the Recreio juniors in a friendly encounter at Happy Valley this afternoon, commencing at 3.15 p.m.

The following will represent the H.K. Ladies—S. Baskett; M. Flex; Mrs. J. Locke; M. Smalley; M. Wolfe and E. Strahan; E. O'Hagan; Mrs. N. Bennit and H. Hance; J. Rattey and V. Blackburn.

K.I.T.C. HOCKEY ELEVEN FOR MAMAK GAME

The following will represent the K.I.T.C. in their Mamak Hockey tournament game against the 12th Battery, R.A., to-morrow at 4 p.m. on the Police Training School ground: Rumbahn; Karnal Singh (Capt.) and Amrik Singh; Perera; Tara Singh and M. Singh; H. Singh; Noronha; C. Singh; Pinto and Sousa. Reserve—J. Singh.



Miss M. Basto, the Recreio Ladies' hockey right-back and captain, will play an important part in to-day's Caer Clark Cup encounter against the improved "Y" Ladies' attack.

LADIES' HOCKEY PREPARATIONS FOR INTERPORT

Teams Selected For First Trial

THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

At an emergency meeting of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Association yesterday at the Hong Kong International Women's Club it was decided to hold the first Interport hockey trial on Thursday next, on the Y.M.C.A. ground, King's Park, commencing at 5 p.m.

Miss H. Knill (Central British School) was in the Chair and was supported by Mrs. P. M. Harrop, Hon. Secretary (Hong Kong Ladies), Miss J. Churchill (Hong Kong Ladies), Miss E. M. Gray (Hong Kong Ladies), Miss M. Woolley (St. Andrew's Ladies), Miss G. White (Continued on Page 5)

SAINTS' LADIES HAVE EASY GAME

Should Rout The Schoolgirls

CHANGES IN DEFENCE

The St. Andrew's Ladies, who meet the Central British Schoolgirls in the Caer Clark Cup competition this afternoon, are expected to obtain an overwhelming win in view of their all-round superiority, individually and as a team.

The Saints have made two changes in the side which, however, should not make much difference to the result.

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CORNWALL DRAW IN DEBUT GAME

Mamak Point For University

A. V. GOSANO OUTSTANDING

After a very even game H.M. S. Cornwall, playing in their debut match, drew with the University in the Mamak Hockey Tournament at King's Park yesterday.

Throughout the first half no goals were scored, both defences being prominent. It was not until

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Mamak League Table To Date

	P.W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts
R.E.	7	0	0	1	21	0 13
R.C. of Signals	12	5	4	3	25	18 13
K.I.T.C.	6	0	0	22	8	12
St. Andrew's	8	4	2	2	14	11 10
Police	7	5	1	1	16	2 10
R.A.S.C.	8	3	2	3	16	15 9
University	9	2	2	5	11	14 9
Suffolk	5	3	1	1	15	6 7
United	8	1	4	3	15	5 5
Diamond	9	0	5	4	9	23 4
Medway	8	2	1	1	9	19 11
12th Battery	6	0	1	1	9	19 11
C.B.A.	1	0	0	1	1	1 1
Dulby	5	0	0	0	5	23 0
Cornwall	1	0	0	1	1	1 1

CAN SAINTS DEFEAT THE CLUB?

IMPROVED DEFENCE A STUMBLING BLOCK

TO-MORROW'S TWO SENIOR GAMES

(By "ROVER")

WITH a new and excellent defence, reinforced by the inclusion of Dellar, the Tientsin Interporter, and Addis, the St. Joseph's football club who clash with the Club this afternoon, stand an equal chance of gaining two full points.

Although they produced excellent form last week against the Recreio, the Saints must reproduce that form and better in order to pierce the Club defence, which has been strengthened by the return of Pote-Hunt to the pivot position. The latter played against Beatty and Herridge, the St. Joseph's two inside-forwards, when he was last stationed in Shanghai in the early part of this year.

TO-MORROW'S JUNIOR SHIELD GAMES

Holders To Encounter Eastern

ATHLETIC AND SAPPERS TO CLASH

Two Junior Shield football fixtures are down for decision on Sunday when the holders, the Royal Navy, meet the Eastern Athletic Association in the First Round on the Navy ground, Causeway Bay.

Although the Eastern have only just returned to the Junior League this year, they have performed moderately well, but will be no match for the Navy, who, with the Fleet in port, are able to turn out almost a First Division team.

In the other game, the Athletic, who have twice held the Shield, in 1928 and in 1930, meet the Engineers, and should secure a win.

The Athletic, who have held the Second Division title are favourites, but Shield games, like Cup-tie matches, are full of surprises, and the Sappers are quite capable of winning.

CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

Island v. Mainland On New Year's Day

GOOD GAME ANTICIPATED

The Island will play the Mainland in a Charity Football game on the Hong Kong Football Club ground on New Year's Day, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The teams were selected from Clubs whose headquarters are either in Kowloon or in Hong Kong.

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BONAVIA AGAIN IN GOOD FORM

Army's 8 Wickets Win Over Navy

BRAMWELL'S FINE RECORD

A first wicket stand of 88 by Major Bonavia (55 not out) and Lt. Williams (42) enabled the Army to beat the Navy by 8 wickets in their Triangular Cricket Tournament game at H.K.C.C. yesterday.

Set 102 to win, following deadly bowling by Lt. Rice Evans, the Army secured the runs in 76 minutes.

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Kowloon, on paper, are a much stronger team than they have been for some considerable time, and with Morrison partnering Eastman in defence, Davis leading the halves, and "Hooker" Jones lending his support among the forwards, they should fully extend the Artillery, whom they meet at home.

Like the recently St. Joseph's acquisitions, Morrison, Davis and Jones will take time to settle down among new colleagues, and it is doubtful whether they will make a good impression on this, their first appearance for Kowloon.

Another interesting game worth seeing is the clash between the Recreio and the East Lancers at King's Park.

Both are very fast teams, and the pace is likely to be terrific—unless the Recreio crack up as the they did last week against the Saints.

To-morrow South China "B" will be fully tested by the Lincolns at Caroline Hill and, although they succumbed to the Recreio three weeks ago, the soldiers have since improved and are expected to record a win.

Athletic v Police
Another game which is likely to produce fast and thrilling play to-morrow is the meeting between the Athletic and the Police on the Club ground.

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ROVER'S FORECAST

THE following is "Rover's" week-end local soccer forecast, giving the favoured team in capital letters:

To-day

FIRST DIVISION

CLUB v St. Joseph's (Club, 4 p.m.)

S. CHINA "A" v Fusiliers (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)

KOWLOON v Artillery (Kowloon, 4 p.m.)

RECREIO v East Lancers (King's Park, 4 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

CLUB v University (Club, 2.30 p.m.)

Kowloon v ARTILLERY (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Recreio v R.A.M.C. (King's Park, 2.30 p.m.)

RAILWAY v Police (Railway, 2.30 p.m.)

Radio v R.A.O.C. (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)

Fusiliers v EAST LANCERS (Military, H.V., 2.30 p.m.)

To-morrow

FIRST DIVISION

S. CHINA "B" v Lincolns (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)

ATHLETIC v Police (Club, 4 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD

NAVY v Eastern (Navy Grd., Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)

Athletic v ENGINEERS (Club, 2.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

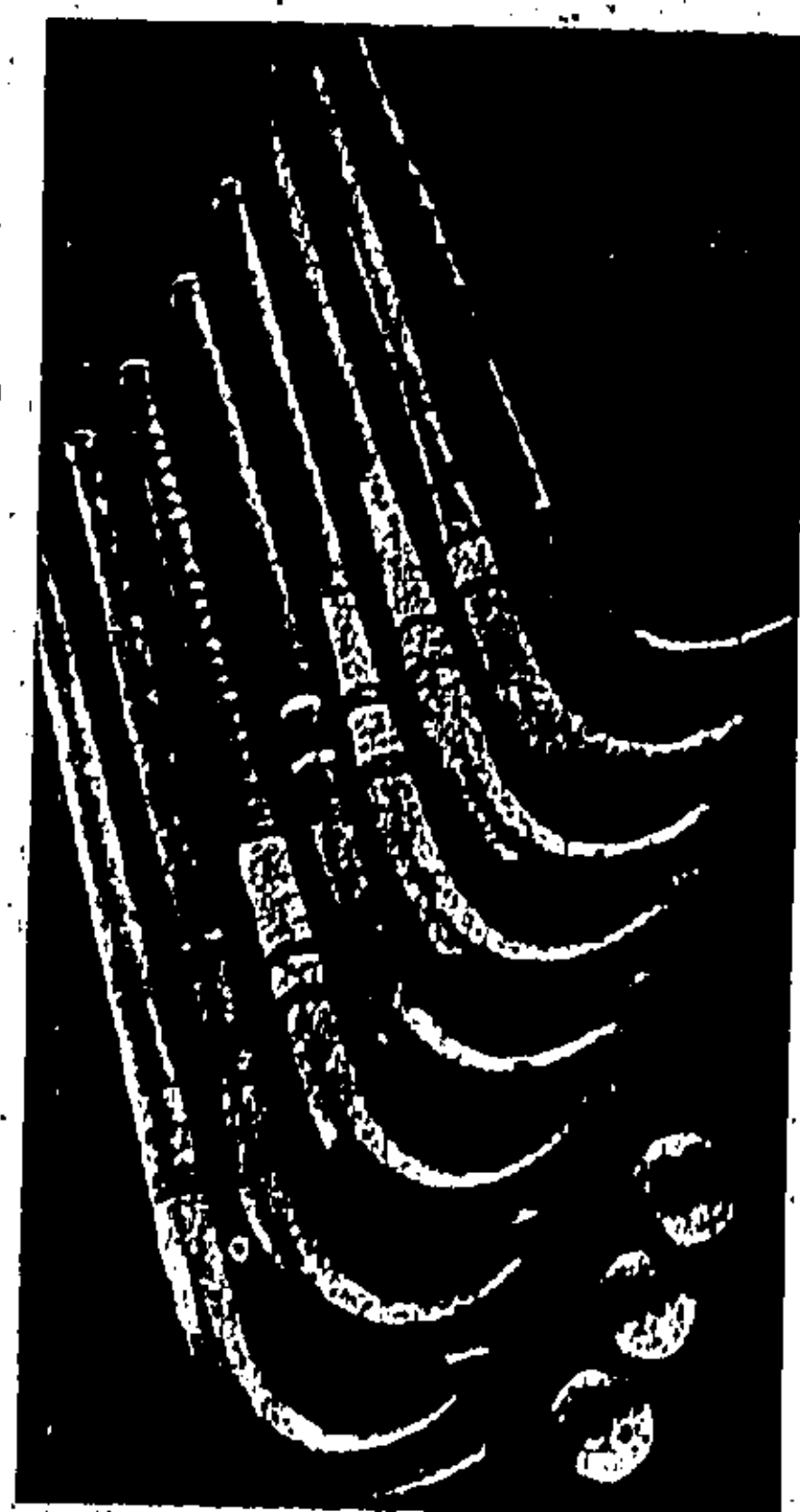
LINCOLNS v East Lancers (Chatham Rd., 4 p.m.)

S. CHINA v Fusiliers (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Engineers v R.A.S.C. (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

LINCOLNS v AIR FORCE (Chatham Rd., 2.30 p.m.)



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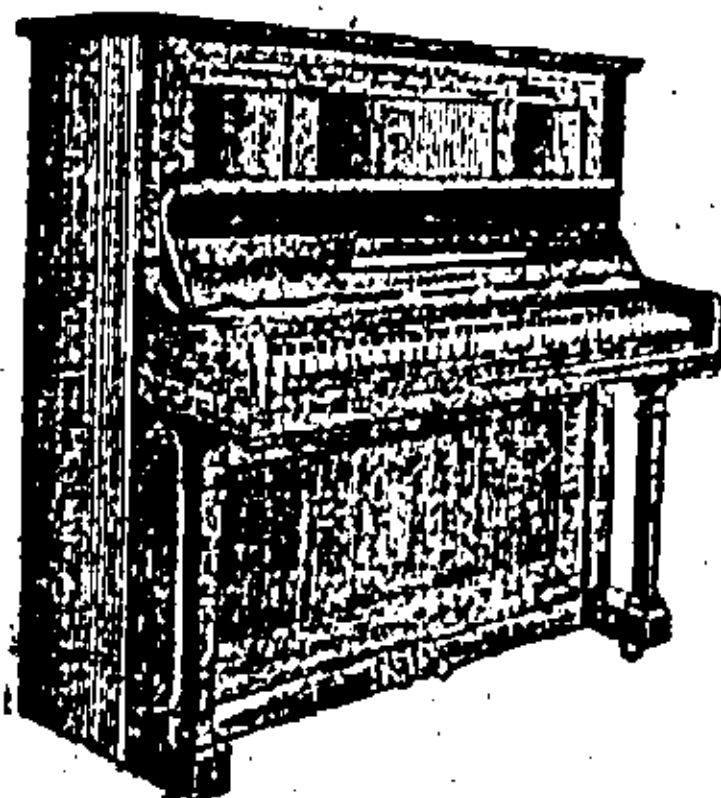
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THE YEAR'S THREE OUTSTANDING FEATS

PERRY FAILS
AT THE CRUCIAL
MOMENT AT 5-4DROPS SERVICE AND
MATCH TO JACK
CRAWFORDMISS ROUND'S WIN ON
AUSTRALIAN SOIL

Sydney, December 3.

For the first time since last June F. J. Perry, Wimbledon champion, has lost a best-of-five-sets lawn tennis match (writes Bruce Harris). His old Australian opponent, J. H. Crawford, beat him by 7-5, 2-6, 6-3, 1-6, 7-5 to-day in the final of the New South Wales Championships.

How near was the issue will be seen from the fact that Perry led at 5-4 in the final set with his service to come—and failed.

Perry, since the early summer defeat mentioned—at the racket of G. de Stefani in the French Championships, while the Englishman was handicapped by injury—has carried all before him in our own and the American Championships and the Davis Cup Challenge Round. His record against Crawford now stands at six wins to two.

Chance of Revenge

No one can fling the gauntlet down with the persistence of Perry without losing a match now and then; I am not in the least surprised, as I indicated yesterday, that Crawford should for once "hit back."

One can only hope that Perry's morale will not be lowered for next season's big events. He will, of course, have his chance of meeting Crawford again in the Australian Championships.

"A very fine performance by Jack Crawford," was the comment of Perry's father, Mr. S. F. Perry, to me to-day.

Miss Dorothy Round won the women's title for England by beating Mrs. Westcott, the hard-hitting Queenslander, 6-2, 6-0.

Wild Enthusiasm

Crawford's victory was greeted with wild enthusiasm by the crowd, who waved programmes and threw hats into the air. A feature of the play, as described by Reuters, was that the big Australian hammered and volleyed Perry's backhand. Not often in previous matches has Crawford come to the net against Perry, preferring to fence with him in long "chess-play" rallies off the ground. Now he attacked.

In the first set, Crawford, by these changed methods, advanced to 5-2. He was caught at 5—all, but then Perry dropped his service and the set.

Perry speeded up and volleyed well in winning the second set. In the third Crawford sliced to the English back-hand and volleyed effectively; in the fourth Perry was the more accurate player.

The final set was exciting indeed. Crawford broke service and led 4-2, but the next three games were Perry's. The Londoner now had to serve for the match, but lost the crucial tenth game through volleying errors.

Two games later, Crawford—whose angled shots and pace-changes were exquisite—reached home after Perry had saved a match point.

BONAVIA AGAIN IN GOOD FORM

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Bonavia hitting eight boundaries and Williams finding the rails six times before being run out.

Rice-Evans' first wicket cost 30 runs, but he then secured three victims in his last two overs without conceding a run.

Navy: 235 and 109 (Lt. Bramwell 21, Lt. Parkes Smith R.M. 20, Captain, Manners R.M. 20, Lt. Rice-Evans 4 for 30).

Army: 243 and 102 for 2 (Major Bonavia 55 not out, Lt. Williams 42).

It might be interesting to note that in his 9 innings in the Colony Lt. Bramwell has aggregated 484 runs for an average of 69.14. These are his scores in order: 31 v. I.R.C. (League); 86 not out v. C.C.C. (League); 62 v. H.K.C.C. (League); 45 v. K.C.C. (League); 63 not out v. C.S. O.C. (League); 13 v. Volunteers; 16 v. K.C.C.; 147 and 21 v. Army. His League average is 95.68!

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FROM SANTIAGO TO PLAY
AT WIMBLEDON

Former Ball Girl's Big Bid

Santiago De Chile.

Senorita Anita Lizana, the South American women's singles champion, will leave for England on March 2, with the main purpose of competing in the Wimbledon lawn tennis championships next year.

Senorita Lizana is 20 years old, and was formerly a ball girl. She was actually born on a tennis court—in a thatched hut shelter in the corner of one of the courts of a Santiago suburban sports club where her father was the manager.

TO-DAY'S "NEEDLE" MATCH IN
THE CAER CLARK CUP SERIES

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The Hong Kong Ladies are making a change in the forward line. Mrs. Harrop will revert to her former position at centre-forward, leaving the inside-left gap open for Miss Churchill's return to that position.

If the C.B.A. Ladies win to-day's encounter, it will give the St. Andrew's Ladies, who are now lying second, a chance of winning the tournament for the first time since its inception.

The game commences at 3.15 p.m., and the teams are:—

H.K. Ladies:—B. Hance; E. M. Gray, J. Smalley, N. McKenna, B. Pope, E. Hollings, W. Marsh, P. M. Harrop, J. Churchill, C. Ferguson and A. Jacks. C.B.A. Ladies:—S. Best; P. Woolley, F. K. Walker, M. Bryson, E. Beavis, G. MacNider, R. Blackmore, N. Whitley, E. Woolley, M. Smith and J. Hunt.

"Y" LADIES STRONGER
AT FORWARD

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The "Y" Ladies have since been strengthened by the return of Miss Thomson to the pivot position, and this has resulted in Miss Dalziel being moved up, where she will lead the forward line in place of Miss P. McCaw, who will play at inside-left.

Much will depend upon the Reereio defence to-day, for the "Y" Ladies certainly have a much stronger forward line, and it will take more than a goal-keeper to prevent any score.

The teams are:—"Y" Ladies:—W. George; J. Wilson, A. Fowler; L. Hickey, E. Thomson, B. Blumenthal; V. Bradbury, B. Walker, P. McCaw, S. Dalziel and O. Brown. Reereio Ladies:—G. Roza; C. Osmond; M. Basto; M. Xavier, L. Xavier, E. Rozario; D. Remedios, C. Silva, L.

CORNWALL DRAW IN
DEBUT GAME

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15 minutes before the end that the Naval team took the lead through a well-placed shot by their centre forward, Lt. Johns.

Five minutes later the University equalised when Reed scored from three yards out.

A. V. Gosano, who played at right-back in the first half, and at centre half in the second, was the outstanding player on the field.

LAWSON LITTLE, DEAN
BROTHERS & PERRY
HANDED PALMGOLF, TENNIS & BASEBALL
HISTORY COMPILED

New York.

"HOW would you list the outstanding three individual athletic performances for 1934," asks an inquisitive bystander, "taking into consideration both amateur and professional activities and granting that there is still some ground to be covered before the final returns are tabulated?" writes Alan Gould.

The hardest part of the answer is trying to confine the list to three. It would be no trouble at all to list a half-dozen sparkling achievements along the 1934 battle-front, both at home and abroad.

LADIES' HOCKEY PREPARATIONS
FOR INTERPORT

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(St. Andrew's Ladies), Miss B. Basto (Reereio Ladies), Miss A. Fowler ("Y" Ladies), Miss O. Brown ("Y" Ladies), Miss S. Dalziel ("Y" Ladies), Miss K. Moir (Central British School), Miss A. Steel (Central British Association).

The Selection Committee

After much discussion, it was decided that the Selection Committee should consist almost entirely of men, with one exception.

Messrs. L. C. Pennell, A. R. Brown, D. L. Prophet, W. W. C. Shewan and Miss M. Roger were elected to the committee.

The following teams were selected for the first trial:

Colours:—Mrs. R. Rose (St. Andrew's); E. M. Gray (Hong Kong Ladies) and A. Fowler ("Y" Ladies); E. Woolley (St. Andrew's Ladies); B. Pope (Hong Kong Ladies) and M. Bryson (C.B.A. Ladies); H. Knill (C. B. School); S. Dalziel ("Y" Ladies); M. Woolley (St. Andrew's Ladies); J. Churchill (Hong Kong Ladies) and C. Brown ("Y" Ladies).

Whites:—B. Hance (Hong Kong Ladies); F. K. Walker (C.B.A. Ladies); M. Basto (Reereio Ladies); A. Jacks (Hong Kong Ladies); E. Beavis (C.B.A. Ladies); E. Blumenthal ("Y" Ladies); W. Marsh (C. B. School); M. Smith (C. B. School); Mrs. P. M. Harrop (Hong Kong Ladies); P. Gittens (St. Andrew's Ladies) and M. Remedios (Reereio Ladies).

Further trial dates were arranged for Monday, January 7 and Friday, January 11.

SAINTS' LADIES HAVE
EASY GAME

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Miss Knill Missing

Miss M. Jorge comes in at left-back in place of Miss Landolt, while the latter moves up to left-half, filling the gap caused by Mrs. Beruex's withdrawal from the side.

The Schoolgirls have been weakened in the attack by Miss Knill dropping out in favour of Miss J. Lakeman.

The latter has played very rarely this season, having been indisposed earlier on.

The teams are:

St. Andrew's Ladies:—Mrs. R. Rose; G. White and M. Jorge; I. Woolley; J. Wong and E. Landolt; F. Wong, P. Everat; M. Woolley; P. Gittens and M. Churn. C. B. School:—J. Whitman; M. Lammer; R. Stephenson; K. Moir; M. McCaw, C. Bone; E. Rousseau; J. Humphrey; J. Lakeman, A. Martin and P. Stringer.

M.C.C. Secretary Talks About
"Direct Attack" Bowling Ban

"I do not think we shall find that the extra responsibility will be too much," said Mr. W. Findlay, secretary of M.C.C., at the recent meeting of county cricket secretaries at Lord's.

He referred to statements that a heavy responsibility will be placed on umpires in preventing bowling which constitutes a direct attack on the batsman.

"County captains were very helpful years ago in helping to abolish throwing," Mr. Findlay continued, "and I think captains will again be able to assist. The M.C.C. must issue full and clear instructions to umpires."

About the visit of the Australians last summer Mr. Findlay said:

"They were a better side than we, and deserved their success. They taught our bowlers the value of length."

Mr. Findlay added that the South Africans would be here next season and hoped that the tour would be as interesting as 1929. He pointed out that if neither side had gained an advantage in the first four Tests the final game would extend over six days.

The South Africans will play 39 matches, starting at Worcester on May 1 and ending with the game which opens at Scarborough on September 7.

For the sake of argument, however, they are, with a twin-answer to the last one:

1. W. Lawson Little's accomplishment in winning both the British and American amateur golf championships in one season, duplicating the long-standing records of Harold H. Hilton and Robert T. Jones, Jr.

2. Frederick J. Perry's achievement in capturing the Australian, Wimbledon and American national tennis titles, besides leading the successful British defence of the Davis Cup for the second successive year.

3. The combined performance of the Dean brothers, Dizzy and Paul, in collecting 53 victories during the major league baseball campaign, including four triumphs in five World Series starts.

Taking all angles into consideration, these three appeal as involving extraordinary factors of skill, not for just one or two days of competition but over a rough and rugged stretch of action on a variety of fronts.

Little came through two of the toughest weeks of golfing war in more convincing fashion than any player since Bob Jones retired. The odds against him were at least 10 to 1 both at home and abroad. He simply over-powered his opposition.

Perry circled the world in search of tennis laurels and the only outstanding title that escaped him was the French championship last spring. But for a sprained ankle the British ace might have registered the first "grand slam" in tennis history. Certainly he dominated the field, whatever the arguments may be as to its class, by as decisive a margin as Big Bill Tilden ever did.

It's impossible to separate the performances of the Dean brothers, Dizzy, of course, compiled the greater record through the season with 30 victories to his credit, but Brother Paul was a necessary part of the "act" which brought such sensational success to the St. Louis Cardinals. Together they form not only an unprecedented combination of pitching brothers but they are without question the best two-man staff in professional baseball.

It was the same in the clinches as in the out-fighting. The Englishman beat his man to the punch almost every time. McAvoy has never fought better. But Tunero? Well, if this was his best, then McAvoy seems set for the world's title.

BELGIUM'S ULTIMATUM
TO MAX BAER

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Der Maxie, former German world title-holder, it will be recalled easily disposed of his countryman, blonde Walter Neusel, in the elimination series. Baer, however, holds a technical kayo victory over Schmeling, the triumph which enabled the Californian to make his attempt on the title, then reposing on the head of Carnara.

Steve Hamas, former Pennsylvania state college athlete, regarded by many as a dangerous opponent for any fighter of his weight, triumphed over Art Lasky, wild-swinging San Francisco battler, in another elimination contest.

Victory Over Schmeling

Hamas, in addition, has a victory over Schmeling, which he scored on February this year, before the current elimination series started. Carnara, the Italian Man-Mountain, on the other hand, scored a decision over Victorio Campolo, Argentine giant, recently, in the first bout he engaged in since dropping the title to Baer.

Baer has not fought since winning the crown, except for an exhibition bout several days ago against Johnny Miller—United Press.

LANCASHIRE SHOW £2,837
PROFIT FOR SEASONSubscribing Members List
On Upward Trend

Lancashire County club, last year's champions in both first and second-class competitions, made a profit of £2,837 6s. 7d., as against £2,438 2s. 7d. the previous season.

Subscriptions: from 5,828 members—1,002 women members and juniors—realised £9,351, to show an increase of £853 over the previous summer.

The county's share of the Test match proceeds amounted to £2,000, but gate receipts showed a decline from £6,244 to £5,040. Expenditure increased by £1,375.

MCAVOY'S GREAT
TRIUMPH

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Just how many seconds the Cuban was down is problematic. He staggered to his feet, and fought on. The end was inevitable.

Towel Thrown In
Rushing in to finish the fight, McAvoy was pulled back by the referee when the towel was thrown in from Tunero's corner.

Tunero never had a chance. From the first round McAvoy carried the fight to his opponent, and the Cuban—warned for holding soon after the start—was outclassed.

Boxing, very warily Tunero was glad to hold when the British titleholder attacked his body with an aggressive two-handed punch. Indeed, he held so much that he was warned by the referee.

So the fight went on. McAvoy, who has never shown such determination, scored with punch after punch—the wonder was that his opponent stood up to such a whirlwind attack.

All we saw of Tunero, it seemed, was a vicious swing. And rarely did that swing—a haphazard affair at best—hit McAvoy.

With his lead nearly always short, Tunero seemed sadly lacking in that speed which, from his training, we gathered, was his biggest asset. McAvoy made him look very slow at times.

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CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

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The following teams have been selected:—Island:—Durham (R.A.); Lau Man (South China); S. Strange (Club); (Capt.); Leung In-chun (South China); Fardoe (R.A.); Elms (St. Joseph's); So Kwai-shing (South China); Ward (St. Joseph's); Ho Kar-keung (Athletic); Toy Kwai-liang (South China) and Lee Chek-yau (South China).

Reserves:—Leonard (St. Joseph's), Harris (R.A.), Lai Kwok-wai (South China), Edmunds (R.A.), Lai Shui-wing (South China) and Fung King-yu (Athletic).

The Island team will play in white:—Island:—Boyes (Kowloon); Ash (Lincolns); Morrison (Kowloon); Woods (East Lancs); McGuire (Navy); Robson (Lincolns); B. Gosano (Reereio); A. V. Gosano (Reereio); Higgins (Lincolns); Ridley (Lincolns) and Wearmouth (Navy).

Reserves:—Marques (Reereio), Swaine (East Lancs); West (Navy); Cannel (Navy); Elliott (Kowloon); Stevens (Police) and Green (Police).

The Mainland will play in blue.

CAN SAINTS DEFEAT THE CLUB?

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In addition to the League programme, there are two ties in the Junior Shield which are being played off on the Navy ground at Causeway Bay and on the Club ground, preceding the First Division encounter.

H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

LOCAL AUTOGYRO CRASHES

Mr. H. A. Howe's Lucky Escape

SUDDEN GUST OF WIND LEAVES MACHINE OUT OF CONTROL

The Far East Aviation Company's first autogyro, an Avro Cierva machine, piloted by Mr. H. A. Howe, met with disaster at Kai Tak aerodrome yesterday, during a demonstration flight.

The machine, which took off from Kai Tak at 5 p.m., had only risen a few feet in the air when it was caught by a sudden gust of wind. Out of control, the machine toppled over in the air and fell to the ground.

As it struck the ground it fell over on to its nose, smashing the nose and breaking the front propeller and undercarriage.

The large overhead propeller, which allows the machine to make a vertical descent, was also smashed.

Mr. Howe, who was flying solo, was uninjured.

The autogyro, which made its initial flight in the Colony last week, was built in Britain. It is fitted with an Armstrong Genet 140 h.p. engine, and during the past week, has made several successful demonstration flights in the Colony.

LOCAL KIDNAPPING CASE

Barretto Pleads Guilty

The hearing against Frederic Barretto and Luiz Antonio da Rocha, who were charged with the kidnapping of Luigi Jose Ribeiro, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Ribeiro, of No. 7 Hanoi Road, was commenced yesterday afternoon before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Allegations that Barretto was the prime mover in the kidnapping and that Luiz Antonio da Rocha acted from the best of motives were features of the Crown case against the two defendants.

Du Rocha, who is represented by Mr. M. K. Lo, pleaded not guilty to the two charges preferred against him, while Barretto, who occupied the dock, pleaded guilty. Three charges were preferred against the latter defendant.

Orders For The Coming Week.

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel R. A. L. Dowbiggin, O. B. E. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Hong Kong.
Friday, 28th December, 1934.

GENERAL HOLIDAY
Corps Headquarters will be closed on Tuesday, 1st January, 1935.

PARADE

Corps, 1st Battery.
The Battery will parade at Headquarters on Thursday 3rd January, 1935 at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: Overalls and Blue Caps.
Machine Gun Battalion

No. 1 Company
Friday, 4th January, 1935—
Company Commanders Parade at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: Mufti.
Programme for remainder of Season will be given out.

Camp pay will be drawn.
All members must attend this parade.

No. 2 Company
Pay Parade, Thursday, 3rd January, 1935. The Company will parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. when Camp Pay will be issued.

This is the only opportunity to draw pay—no other parade will be held for this purpose.

(Sgd.) P. S. M. WILKINSON,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

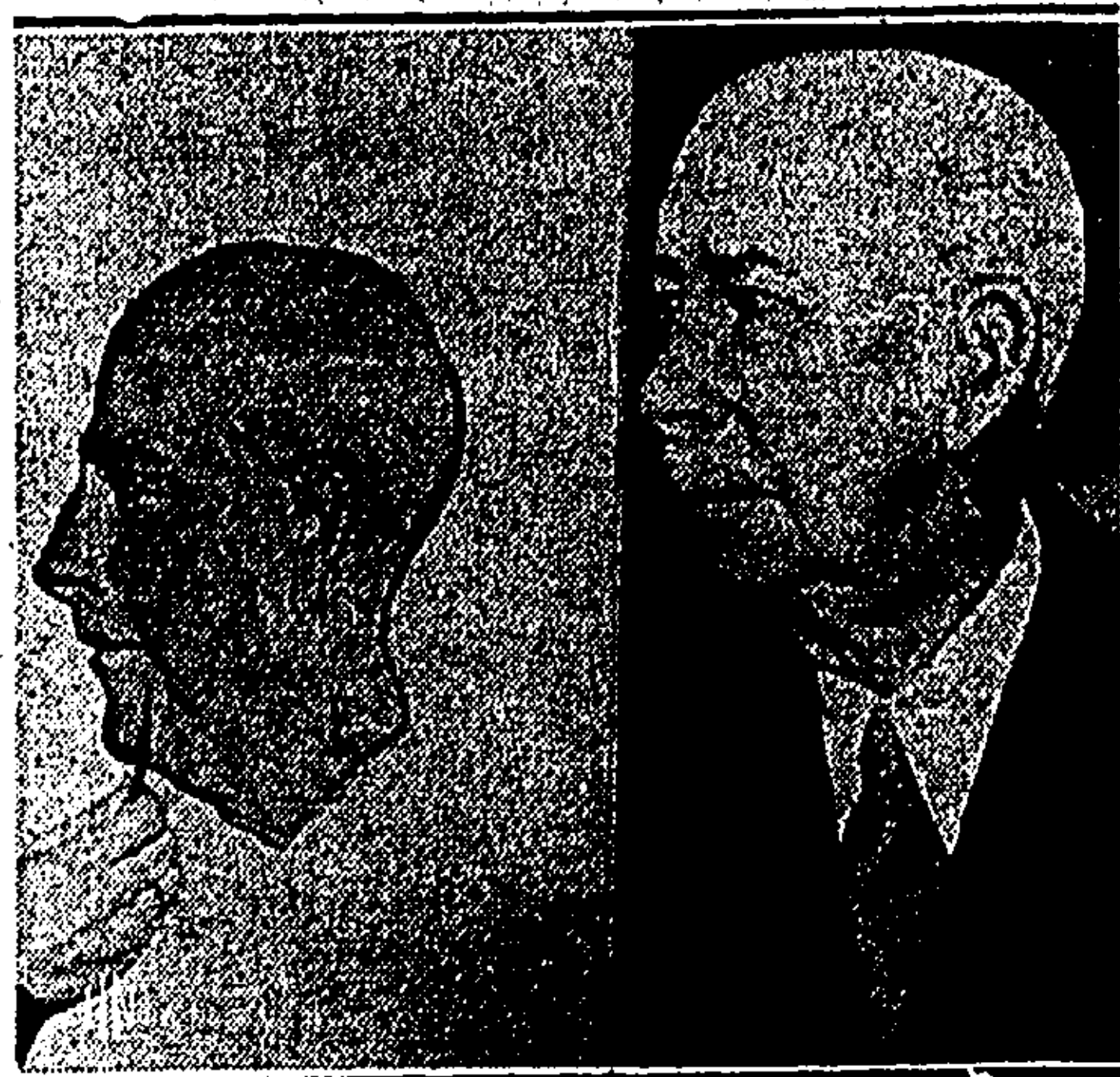
CHRISTMAS BALL

Government House Function

Over 500 guests were present at the Christmas Ball, given by His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel and Lady Peel at Government House last night.

Among those present were the following:—

His Excellency Maj.-Gen. O. C. Borrett and Mrs. Borrett; His Excellency Admiral Sir Frederic Dreyer; His Honour Mr. Justice A. D. A. MacGregor and Mrs. MacGregor; Commodore Frank Elliott and Mrs. Elliott; Mr. M. J. Quist; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hoover; Sir Thomas and Lady Southern; the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. and Mrs. Mackie, the Hon. Mr. R. H. and Mrs. Kotewall; the Hon. Mr. T. H. King; Sir William Horne; Squadron Leader T. R. Keary; Capt. Erol Manners, H.M.S. Suffolk; Capt. Ogan, U. S. Navy; and Mr. Justice Howes of Singapore.



Poland has not forgotten the part played by Edward M. House, American peace commissioner, in advancing the Polish claims for liberty at the Versailles conference. It is having Maryla Lednicka, one of its most noted sculptors, immortalize him in bronze for a Polish memorial. Mr. House is shown with preliminary design.

WALL STREET LOOKS TO NEW YEAR

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consumption beginning to exceed production. We suggest the advisability of the accumulation of raw rubber during the present seasonally stagnant manufacturing demand. Total sales:—265 lots.

Market Factors

The following telegrams were received by Messrs. S. E. Levy and Co. from Reuters.

Favourable factors prior to the opening of the markets:—

(1) The underlying markets tone continues to be very encouraging.

(2) There are indications of an unusually favourable year-end activity in basic industries.

(3) There is an expectation of an early and considerable reinvestment demand.

Unfavourable factors were:—
(1) Further tax-selling, although now limited to cash transactions, is still likely to be a restraining influence.

Wall Street was fairly active and firm, advancing from fractions to one point with Steel Corp., well supported and utilities also participating on the up-turn. However, a sustained advance is not anticipated, pending the completion of year-end tax-selling.

The American Railroad Association reports carloadings at 548,000 units, an increase of 16,000 from the corresponding period of last year. Steel operations in the Youngstown district for the next week are estimated at 49 per cent. of capacity, and a further improvement is anticipated. Corn Products has declared a regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share. The Directors of General Electric have voted for the retirement on April 19 of the Company's special stock at the call price of \$11 per share; also, on August 1st, for the retirement at \$105 of its 3½ per cent. Debenture Gold Bonds maturing in 1942. Of the special stocks, 4,293,000 shares are outstanding; while \$2,047,000 of Gold Bonds is outstanding.

E. A. Pierce Co.'s Report

In their market report, the American Oriental Finance Corporation, correspondent for Messrs. E. A. Pierce and Company New York state:

"Stocks: With pressure of the year-end selling lifted, the market responded vigorously. Fears of radical legislation seem to be diminishing.

"Grains: The market was dull early in the session, but became firm later on fair gains being recorded. Late advices state that improved flour sales and the consequent removal of hedges had considerably to do with the late advance. Wheat: The Liverpool market was disappointing, while Winnipeg ruled firm and better conditions prevailed at Buenos Aires.

"Cotton: There was trade buying on a good scale, which absorbed limit sales on the scale upward. The market acts as if it will do somewhat better.

"Rubber: Trading was active here on liquidation of the near position and there was some selling on easier reports from London. Activity was mostly on switching.

"Flash: Trading starts on January 2 for the new No. 3 Sugar Contract. A unit will be 50 long tons, with March the first delivery month to be traded. Commission will be

PRACTITIONERS REMINDED

1935 Certificates Now Ready

It is notified in the current issue of the Government Gazette that no architect, barrister, dentist (whether registered as a dental surgeon or an exempted person), medical practitioner, pharmaceutical chemist, solicitor, or auditor, shall practice in the Colony unless he is in possession of a valid and current certificate to practice.

Certificates to practice for 1935 may be obtained from the Stamp Office on payment of the stamp duty of \$50.

Personal Pars

Mr. Edward F. MacDonough, Trade Commissioner for the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, on a round-the-world tour, arrived here yesterday by the s.s. President Jackson.

Mr. Ichisaburo Mor of the Toyo Menka Kaisha, Hong Kong Branch, returned to the Colony by the s.s. President Jackson, which arrived here yesterday.

Mr. K. Y. Wu, a member of the Kwangtung Provincial Government Executive Council, en route to Canton from Shanghai, arrived in the Colony yesterday by the s.s. President Jackson.

Mr. Duncan McNeill, barrister-at-law, returned to the Colony yesterday by the s.s. President Jackson. He had been on a trip to Shanghai.

Mr. T. N. Lee, Manager of the Bank of Communications, Shanghai, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by the s.s. President Jackson. Mr. Lee is on a business trip.

Mr. Edward Ho-Tung, of the Shanghai Stock Exchange, accompanied by his son, Eric, arrived in the Colony yesterday by the s.s. President Jackson. Mr. Ho-Tung is rejoining his family, now in Hong Kong.

Mr. M. M. Axelrod, General Agency Manager of the Crown Life Insurance Company, Toronto, Canada, accompanied by Mrs. Axelrod, arrived in the Colony yesterday by the s.s. President Jackson. They are on a round-the-world trip.

Mr. Emmanuel Gran, of Davies, Brooke and Gran, architects, Shanghai, arrived in the Colony yesterday by the s.s. President Jackson on a holiday trip.

Lord and Lady Dunsford arrived in the Colony yesterday on the m.v. Felix Roussel from Europe via Saigon, and are staying at the Peninsula Hotel for a few days.

The same as the present contract. The present No. 1 Contract will continue and orders therein should be designated "No. 1". Orders for No. 3 should be designated "No. 3". Orders not designated shall be construed as No. 3. No. 1 contracts may be transferred to the same month as No. 3 without incurring any charges except 8 per cent. on sales tax. Steps are being taken to have this waived.

Annalist of Business Activity was 84.5 against 82.3 last week. The Automobile output was 34,297 units. Money in circulation increased by \$41,000,000.

LOCAL SHIPPING DISPUTE

Strike Suspension Rejected

OWNERS REFUSE TO ACCEPT GUILD TERMS

Replying to Mr. N. L. Smith, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, who was approached by Chinese ship-owners to ask for a suspension of the threatened shipping-strike by British officers, Captain W. E. Kirby, Secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, said yesterday that the unanimous decision of a meeting of officers held on Thursday to accept no compromise could not be altered.

At 4.40 p.m. yesterday, Capt. Kirby received a letter from Mr. Peter H. Sin, solicitor for seven owners of nine river vessels, to the effect that he had advised his clients to pay the scale of wages demanded by the Guild, but that they refused to sign the Guild's Agreement.

Capt. Kirby stated that the Guild would accept nothing short of the signing of the Agreement.

Mr. Sin's clients are the owners of the Tai Lee, On Lee, Toi Shan, Anjou, Chuen Chow, Lee Hong, Sun Nam Hoi, Ting Sang and Yuet On. They are not signatories of the Hong Kong Arbitration Award.

The Guild has received a letter from the owners of the steamers Chung On and Fook On enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to the officers on these ships, stating that the arbitration award scale will, as the Guild demands, be paid as from January 1.

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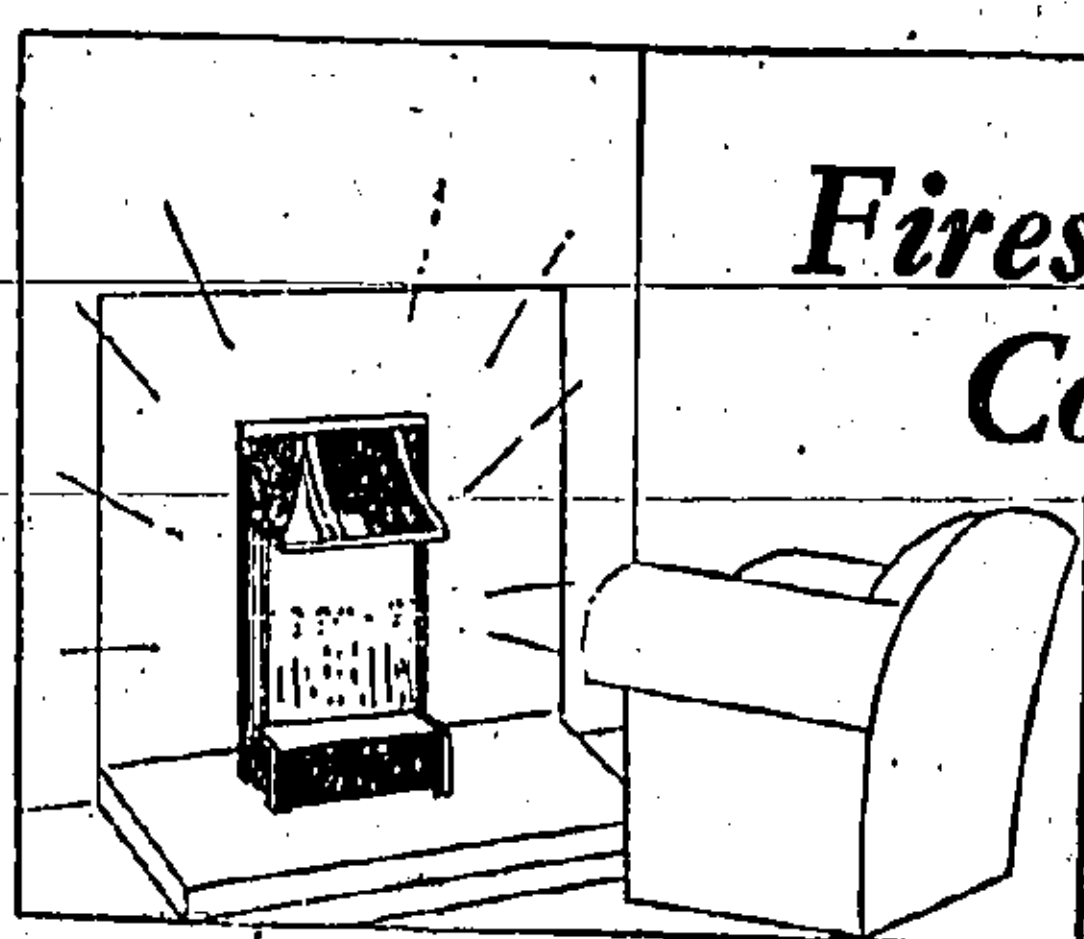
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National Economics

Yesterday we noted that one of the outstanding features of the year that will end next week has been the dissipation, or at any rate the weakening, of the old idea that there was anything solid or permanent about money. It is filtering down into the public consciousness that any national currency is under the control of the national Government, and takes its value merely from the reputation of that Government for probity and efficiency. This result is in direct contradiction to the former policy of the financial world, which has aimed at protecting finance from the instability of political parties; and the full effects of the change have yet to be experienced.

Meantime we may notice that the result of the destruction of any international "yardstick" such as the pound sterling used to be has been an enormous increase in direct political interference with finance and industry. It need not be supposed that the advocates of particular interferences have a double dose of original sin. The fact is that there have always been innumerable theories on these matters, but they have never been able to make much impression on the practical man as long as international trade and exchange were a working system. To-day in Germany, Italy, Poland, and many other countries the payment of a foreign debt is under the control of the Government and subject to chances and stoppages that no private trader can prophesy. The issue of loans to foreign Governments is in many cases forbidden; and in all, even in England and America, subject to approval. The reason is very simple, that there is no use increasing an indebtedness until there is some prospect of old course applies to ordinary commercial debts; war debts, however, are consigned to limbo; though thirty years ago they could have been borne with only a little strain and economy.

The new conditions are very much more powerful than any arguments; and it is the new conditions that have brought into action many of the old discarded theories. If the "three-cornered" exchange operations are no longer easy and often impossible, we are reduced to the simple proposition that a country can only trade with another when the goods they send to it are practically of equal value with the goods they receive from it, in fact we have returned to direct barter such as was the ordinary

form of commerce before the "bill of exchange" was invented by the bankers of Lombardy five hundred years ago. That there are exceptions is only a proof that there are still remnants of greater scope and freedom. One of the leading exceptions is our own Empire, which has touch with so many different parts of the world that sterling is still able to do much of its old work; but we are rather noting the main drift of things than the details. The drift has been towards a balance of trade between any particular pair of countries, rather than a balance of payments between each country and the world in general.

The worst effects of this drift are that policies that were either inevitable, or at any rate seemed to be, have once more become popular. We see on every side practical applications of the "Mercantile Theory," which regarded all purchases as loss, by looking at the money paid rather than the goods bought; hence the maze of duties not merely protective but vindictive and prohibitive, backed up by quotas and absolute exclusion. The fallacy of the whole system is that people forget that "the other man" can hit back. Every restriction hurts somebody, and with the conception of the absolute sovereignty of the National State the man hit looks around for some means of doing a disservice to the man who has hit him.

What ray of hope there is comes from the fact that the results of Economic Nationalism are becoming so obvious that its reign is not likely to be a very long one. A devaluated currency gives a deceptive appearance of prosperity until it has found its level and new supplies have to be bought. A "fighting tariff" is only effective so long as there is trade and market opportunity to be used as a bargaining counter. If a man does not want to sell in that market at all he is indifferent to the tariff. It is clear now that only the free English market enabled many countries to maintain their Protection before the War, and they are now willing to compromise on a basis of reciprocity. We have but little hope of general Conferences which produce much blustering and little wool; but we feel certain that there will be much more bargaining in the New Year. It does not seem likely that any country can reap much advantage by any further currency manipulation. Italy was one of the first to grant big subventions to shipping, but these are now looking very like millstones; the Corporative State has recently seized the foreign credits in the hands of private citizens in order to hold the exchange steady. It would be tedious to enumerate all the other bits of evidence; but it

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

POSTAL PORTRAITURE

The Duke of Kent's portrait does not appear on many postage stamps.

A portrait of the Prince of Wales has appeared several times, both on Newfoundland and Canadian stamps. He made his first appearance on a Canadian set issued in 1897 for Queen Victoria's Jubilee. He was shown as a small boy, very serious-looking, in a white pinafore with embroidered collar and a head of curls.

Next year we are to have a new set of stamps for the King's Jubilee. Sir Kingsley Wood might consider the occasion an opportunity to give the Mother Country a worthy set of Royal portraits.

RETURN OF A DOCTOR

A Portuguese doctor presided over the session of the League Council at which the Yugoslav-Hungarian dispute was considered.

He was Dr. Augusto de Vasconcelos. He was Portuguese Minister to Great Britain just after the war. He has been a more or less permanent delegate to the League since 1923.

His chief interest is medicine, of which he was once professor at Lisbon University. He was famous as a surgeon before he turned to politics.

The Presidency of the League Council is governed by strict Rules of Procedure.

Under them, if the representative who should act as President considers that he should decline to do so, the Secretary-general must apply to the last President to act in his stead.

Dr. Benes having expressed a wish not to preside during consideration of the dispute, this duty fell to Dr. Vasconcelos as the last President.

Your Daily Smile!

"I suppose you can get any distance with your wireless," said the typist to the clerk.

"Or course I can," said the valve expert proudly, "Why I've had complaints from people three streets away."

"Here's a real example of gratitude." "What is it?"

"A wealthy woman creates a trust fund for a man who broke his engagement to her 20 years ago."

"How is everything at your house?" asked the friend of the new bridegroom.

"Oh, she's all right," responded the young husband, happily.

"The Bargain." "Is your new son-in-law nicely off?"

"He can just about keep my daughter in gloves. I pay for everything else."

"Then he deceived you as to his circumstances?"

"No. I remember he merely asked for her hand."

CURTAILING ARMY EXPENDITURE

Provincial Finances
Overstrained

GENERAL CHEN CHI-TANG
DECIDES ON CUT

Canton, December 21.
In view of the great stringency in the provincial finances General Chen Chi-tang Commander of the Kwangtung Provincial Forces, has decided to curtail the military expenditure of the province as from January next year. At present, Kwangtung has an army of 60 Regiments.

According to tentative plans decided upon, a sum of \$15,000 is to be reduced from the cost of each Regiment and it is estimated that over \$900,000 can be saved monthly by these reductions. —Chekai Agency.

appears likely that we have passed the apex of restriction, and that there will be a gradual trend towards leaving trade to follow its natural channels as between one country and another. What the Governments will do within their own frontiers is another question.

BURIED TREASURES OF THE EMPIRE INCALCULABLE WEALTH IN BRITISH LANDS

METALS MAY REVOLUTIONISE
INDUSTRIES

(By W. Shepherd, F.G.S.)

WE live on the slag-heap of a vast smelting-furnace. The continents are the earthy refuse-dross—floating on a semi-molten metal ball.

Our puny mining activities are but the scratching away of a little rust from the surface of an almost limitless quantity of mineral wealth, over half of which is most easily accessible within the boundaries of the British Empire.

The continent of Africa is estimated at 23 miles thick, but even the top mile contains sufficient metallic ore to supply the world for many thousands of years. Though the exploitation of this prodigious store has hardly begun, it has already provided us with countless household conveniences and luxuries.

The Wealth Of Africa

Most of the chromium of your car, bicycle, buttons, taps, and other fittings came from South Africa and (more particularly) Rhodesia, which was a few years ago furnishing three-quarters of the world's supply. Even the diamonds and gold of British Africa are likely to be eclipsed by the untold wealth of more useful minerals, such as "blue asbestos," a more valuable variety than the asbestos which once came solely from Quebec.

But Canada can well afford to lose its monopoly of asbestos, for in both Ontario and Quebec are by far the largest known deposits of beryllium workable on a commercial scale.

White in colour, a third lighter than aluminium and so hard that it will scratch glass, the metal beryllium is likely to prove of incalculable value in the construction of aircraft. It retains a high polish in air indefinitely and hardens with heat.

A Wonder Metal

Its chief ore is the precious stone, beryl, from which it takes its name, and the nation possessing its most abundant deposits may very easily find itself one day in virtual control of the world's aircraft.

This wonder metal is already coming into industrial use, for it is not only employed regularly for the "windows" of X-ray tubes and the electrodes of neon signs, but a light, strong alloy of it is being used for the pistons and connecting rods of petrol engines.

The mineral wealth of Canada is only beginning to be discovered. Its long enjoyed world-monopoly of nickel is but a foretaste of the vast hoards of treasure concealed in its rocks. It is already known to be the lucky possessor of the world's largest oilfield.

Canadian Riches

It is estimated that in the bituminous sands of Northern Alberta there are fifty billion cubic yards of oil—enough to supply the world for five hundred years at the present rate of consumption. This is a buried treasure which has so far hardly been touched.

In Southern Alberta there are large supplies of helium—the non-inflammable gas used for airships—in the natural gasfields, and the separation of the helium by liquefying the other gases present has already been begun on a semi-commercial scale. Canada and the United States possess the only considerable supplies of helium in the world.

On August 6, a gigantic picnic was held on the Great Bear Lake by Yellow-Knife Indians, Eskimos, and miners. They were celebrating the discovery of what are probably the biggest radium deposits in the world.

These were detected by two airmen who were prospecting over Mackenzie, when they noticed some unfamiliar rocks in which were "streaks of glassy deposits, iridescent with gleams of red and green and yellow."

Cadmium is another metal which was once considered a rare scientific curiosity, but it is now coming into use for plating its bluish-white colour resembling chromium. It is also used for making fusible alloys.

When mixed with other metals it imparts to them a very low melting-point.

Cadmium And Manganese
Though formerly imported from the United States, cadmium is now produced on a large scale in Australia, where even richer deposits of the ore are being exploited.

Yet another valuable metal in modern industry is manganese, small quantities of which are added to steel for high-speed tooling. An alloy of it has been used in making the 35-ton propellers of the Queen Mary. Manganese steel, being exceedingly tough and hard, is employed extensively for making burglar-proof vaults and armour plate, and enormous deposits of various manganese ores have recently been discovered in India.

In 1933, India produced as much manganese ore as all the rest of the world put together, excepting only Russia, whose figures are doubtful.

About 67 metals are known to science, apart from the numerous alloys possible, and of these only about twenty are well known. Science has so far touched only the fringe of the rich metallic garment which Mother Earth weaves and wears—and which she has so shamefully allowed to become caked over with mud and cinders.

Alloys Of The Future

Who can guess what strange alloys may not be made and put into common use within the next few years? We have already adopted stainless metal furniture, while cloth of woven metal has been suggested as a practical proposition.

The very latest metal to find its way into the ordinary household is rhodium—one of the platinum metals. It is rarer and dearer than platinum, because it is capable of being deposited on silver in incredibly thin sheets, and is a precious metal itself. It is being employed for rendering silver absolutely untarnishable.

Rhodium is a by-product in the refining of platinum and nickel, and comes to us in about equal proportions from Canada and Russia, though New South Wales and South Africa are known to possess its ores.

Molybdenum And Its Uses

Molybdenum is another rare metal, compounds of which are employed for colouring leather and rubber. The ores of this grey metal occur in Australia, Canada, and in smaller quantities in the United States and Europe. It is used for hardening steels, and the gas cylinders which were made recently for the experimental omnibuses run by the Birmingham Corporation were made of nickel-chrome-molybdenum-steel.

Though the walls of these cylinders are only a fifth of an inch thick, they can stand a pressure of well over 3,000 pounds per square inch!

It has even been suggested that in outlying villages, where oil is still used for heating and lighting, bottled gas may prove a boon. Quite a moderate-sized bottle of gas would keep a stove going for two or three months, if economically used! Such a project would be an utter impossibility except for the extraordinary properties of this alloy, all four constituents of which are found within the Empire.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY

Profit Of \$1,100,000
Declared

Canton, December 21.
A net profit of over \$1,100,000 has been made by the southern section of the Canton-Hankow Railway during the past 11 months, according to information received from the Railway Administration here to-day. The total income of the Railway for the year, however, represents a slight decrease as compared with the receipts of the previous year. —Chekai Agency.

BRUSSELS WORLD EXHIBITION

Preparations Well Under Way

GERMANY SHOWS GREAT ENTHUSIASM

Preparations for the World Exhibition in Brussels are well under way. International manufacturers have shown their interest already. Twenty-three different countries including Germany have accepted an invitation to take part and negotiations are being carried on with three more countries. The great exhibition ground just outside Brussels has been a busy scene for weeks. Most countries will have their own pavilions. The German exhibition committee is now installed in its offices on the spot. The "Deutsch-Belgische Rundschau," a paper published in Brussels, has just brought out a special edition in which public men of Germany and Belgium have contributed comments on the significance of the coming exhibition.

The German Foreign Minister, Freiherr von Neurath, writes: "The German pavilion at the World Exhibition in Brussels in 1935 is intended not only to exhibit the excellence of German industry and compete in this peaceful struggle for an honourable place among the manufacturers of the World. It is also to show that, in spite of unfavourable conditions all over the World, Germany is doing her best to keep up trade with foreign countries and co-operate in a general recovery."

The Reichsbank President and Minister of Trade, Dr. Schacht, begins by saying that World commerce has now reached a decisive juncture and continues: "What is the use of a World Exhibition if it does not make us ponder whether the salvation of the World can really be reached if nations cut themselves off from one another? It is a consolation that so many nations have already decided to take part in this exhibition. This seems to be a sign that these circles of commerce sincerely intend to try to reconstruct world trade. Belgium has always been considered as a land which has shown itself ready for international economic co-operation."

The Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Jaspar, speaks confidently about the success of the Exhibition, especially as regards trade relations between Germany and Belgium. The Belgian Minister of Trade van Cauwelaert writes in German: "We remember the great Hansa Palace at the Antwerp Exhibition and hope that the German pavilion at Brussels will be even more complete and more magnificent." The Belgian General Commissioner of the Exhibition, Graf Adrien van der Burch, writes that the appearance of Germany is not without political significance and says he is convinced of the sincerity of Hitler's peace declarations.

THREE-DAY BREAK FOR NEW YEAR

Nanking's Official Holiday

Nanking, December 20. In accordance with the usual custom, a three-day holiday will be observed in celebration of the New Year of 1935 by all the Government offices, according to a decision made by the Standing Committee of the Central Executive Committee at its meeting this morning.—Chekia Agency.

B.I.F. PREPARATIONS

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The Fair will be held in two sections, and the heavy industries section at Birmingham has been arranged to open on May 20, almost immediately after the celebrations of the King's Silver Jubilee, in order to permit Overseas buyers to combine their visit with their holidays in the United Kingdom.

The other sections of the Fair will open in accordance with precedent, on February 18, in London.—British Wireless Service.



Postmaster-General James A. Farley kissing the hand of Archbishop Amleto Cicognani, Apostolic delegate in Washington, after joining tribute to Cardinal O'Connell at the celebration in Washington of the latter's golden jubilee as a priest. Cardinal Hayes is at the left.

WENDY BARRIE'S ROMANCE HOPE

Woolworth Heir To See Her Again

"I WOULD MARRY HIM NOW"

Hollywood.

"I would marry him now if he were here," said Miss Wendy Barrie, the beautiful British film actress, and former Hong Kong girl after disclosing the fact that Mr. "Willie" Donahue, the youthful heir to many of the Woolworth millions and cousin to Princess Mdivani (formerly Miss Barbara Hutton), is about to visit Hollywood.

With a happy smile, the 22-years-old star disclosed the fact that "Willie" had talked with her on the telephone from his home in Long Island, New York, and told her that he would see her shortly here.

Family Barriers

All Hollywood is discussing the renewal of the romance which was interrupted when Miss Barrie two months ago made the wistful announcement:

"I came to the United States to be married. But—well—you can guess what happened. Barriers by the family and all that sort of thing were placed between us." Miss Barrie added on that occasion: "If Willie loves me enough, he will come to Hollywood, for it is here I expect to make my home. If he still wants me, he'll know where to find me."

Mother's Objection

She explained that Mrs. Donahue, "who, I know, is a sweet, lovely woman, though I have never met her," was the "reason" for the breaking off of her engagement to marry the heir to \$10,000,000.

"Mrs. Donahue," she said, "objected because of our youth. 'I'm not bitter about it, and I'm not angry with Willie. He is a few months older than I am, but he does not come into his inheritance until he is 25. So of course he is under his family's thumb.'"

Loving Glance At Ring

She was pensive as she concluded, "But I would like to know what thoughtful person hired about five detectives to hound my trail."

After the telephonic assurance that "Willie" is coming to see her, Miss Barrie's glance has reverted lovingly to her glittering engagement ring.

ARTHUR CARR DISGUSTED WITH RULING BODY

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Voce refused to be drawn into any discussion on the subject.

A prominent member of the M.C.C. Committee has anticipated trouble in English cricket circles, since the news was received from Australia before any official announcement was made in England to the effect that the M.C.C. Committee had sent the letter of apology.—Reuter.

MURDER VERDICT AT INQUEST

Anonymous Letters Lead To Discovery Of Body

UNKNOWN VICTIM

A verdict of murder by some person or persons unknown, was returned by the jury at an inquest held into the circumstances surrounding the death of an unknown Chinese male, whose body was found in a cubicle on the ground floor of No. 33 Parkes Street, Yau-mat, on October 26 at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. J. H. B. Lee sat as Coroner, while the jury comprised of Messrs. V. M. Haat (Foreman), Young Tat and C. E. Barros.

Detective-Inspector A. J. W. Dorrington stated that the body was found as the result of two anonymous letters received by the Police. The letters stated that a body would be found at the given address. The body was partly decomposed when found.

Dr. K. H. Uttley, Medical Officer in charge of the Kowloon Mortuary, also gave evidence.

Lee Sing, the owner of the house, stated that on the night of October 17, a man who gave his name as Chan Lu-nam, came to see witness and wanted to rent the ground floor of 33 Parkes Street. On the same night the man gave witness \$2 as deposit, and on the next day, about 5 or 6 p.m., asked for the key of the flat, and moved some furniture in. Witness did not see the man again. He could not say whether or not deceased was the man who rented the flat. The man who rented the flat told witness that he was a cook employed by a European, but did not say who his employer was.

U.S. DELEGATES DO NOT EXPECT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS

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Reuter learns that American circles regard the latest Japanese instructions from Tokyo as a definite rejection of the British middle-course plans, including unilateral declarations as to building programmes.

At the farewell meeting of Mr. Robert Craigie and Mr. Norman Davis last night the former declared that Britain would continue to negotiate through diplomatic channels with Tokyo in the hope of achieving a basis for a future conference. Mr. Davis gave his benediction to the British efforts.—Reuter.

CAMPS FOR BRITAIN'S JOBLESS

The annual capacity of each hutment camp is four relays of 200 men, and the supplementary tented camps receive two relays of between 100 and 200 men in the summer months. The camps are in charge of a small staff provided by the Ministry of Labour.—British Wireless Service.

To-day's Short Story.

Lady Harpton's Garden Party

By Mrs. Violet Campbell

THE beautiful Mrs. Hammond was lunching alone. She was already dressed, that is, she was dressed for the garden-party: for Maud Harpton liked her guests to be in time, even for a charity show, like this one.

Quite often she lunched alone, lately: for Henry had been spending all his mornings with his lawyer, and the train didn't get back from Fellsborough till the afternoon: and, of course, Henry couldn't have the car, since there was only one. She had had to give up far, far too much for Henry as it was.

Mrs. Hammond looked across the dining-room and out into the garden (it was a sight she couldn't keep away from for long, these days) and she seemed to see Henry moving about in it. Moving, as usual, slowly, vaguely, his head on one side in a friendly tilt at the flowers, saying something that no one was listening to. Frankly, Henry was a bore. Always musing about doing things that didn't interest anybody else, that weren't any good at all, and that didn't make any money.

And that was really the trouble. Already it seemed that the house and the garden would have to go. Henry wasn't able to keep it up. But what man with any decent feelings could imagine the beautiful Mrs. Hammond except against a background of gracious luxury? Yet Henry had actually told her, in a friendly way, that he would have to sell after all; that he could find

something to do, no doubt; and that really it might not be so bad in one of those new little houses. Yes, actually that! Henry understood nothing. Her contempt and her loathing for him sometimes became unbearable.

And it wasn't as if he appreciated her. Didn't really care for women at all. Her elegance, her beauty, her charm were wasted on a man who cared only for his own fads. "Saw your beautiful wife the other day, looking more marvellous than ever," someone would say, and he would glance up from some paper he'd be reading, which had not the slightest general interest, and say, "Oh? Ah?" in his fatuous, infuriating way, and blink through his glasses.

MONDAY'S STORY

Monday's story will be "No Mystery," by H. A. Manhood.

But fads he had by the score. Vegetarianism. Herbal baths. Growing expensive and outlandish things in the garden. Fruit and vegetables from here, there and everywhere! Though, really, some justified themselves. These Hungarian lettuces, for instance. Mrs. Hammond helped herself to another crisp leaf or two. Brilliant emerald they were, sparkling, tender, and curled in their curious formation of twin rosettes. Henry had been crazy with delight watching them come to perfection: and these were the first the gardener had brought in. Well, they were supremely delicious, certainly. But what was a lettuce, after all? If Henry had thought less of his beautiful lettuce and more of his beautiful wife....

A secret smile sharpened her lips. Henry's weak, pleasant face melted away. At once she saw Kenneth, the adored—his resolute eyes, his thin, straight back. Kenneth, who was so clever, who was forging ahead, who had already made almost a fortune from his latest invention. A manufacturing chemist, Kenneth was, the son of the firm. They had been lovers for two years.

Mrs. Hammond rose suddenly from the table; and once again she looked out on the lawns, still sodden from last night's rain.

The garden was full of birds. What with the bird-boxes that Henry would put up everywhere, as well as their natural nests, the place was overrun with them, pecking and pecking everywhere, and filling the whole air with their incessant chatter. Nothing was safe from their thieving beaks. Everything, fruit and pod, had to be netted. Of course, it was this that had given them the idea....

But Mrs. Hammond wouldn't think about that. A long, pleasant afternoon lay before her; she was looking her best, quite; no one could guess, as yet; and afterwards—well, why worry?

Lady Harpton had spared no trouble to make her party a success. The grounds of the Court were crowded. The stream of gay parasols rivalled the flower borders. Huge canvas mushrooms flaunted their brave stripes, ensnaring roses of completest perfection; sweet peas as big as cabbages; marrows a yard long. On the further slopes the village had gathered in full force for all the customary attractions—the cake weight guessing, the Baby Show, the Dog Show (serious and comic), the Punch and Judy. Dozens of tents and booths dotted the lawns. And, of course, there was one for the palmist.

"I see a long life for ye, me dear, an' many little steps an' stairs, though niver a wan ye don't want!"

The month of May will bring ye happiness" (any month would, I'm thinkin')—"ah, an' I see a dark man... an' a journey over the wather... an' a fair woman friend ye mustn't trust... an' a parcel, or a letter, maybe, wit' a foreign stamp... an' a nice surprise awaitin' ye when ye gets home! Next, please!"

Why shouldn't she go on like this? Patsy O'Flannigan was thinking—easily, comfortably, not bothering much? So long as one didn't do it seriously it was quite pleasant.

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DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH CHINA

National Economic Council's Plans

1935 BUDGET ANNOUNCED

Shanghai.—Mr. T. V. Soong, member of the Standing Committee of the National Economic Council, in an interview with the press this morning, announced that the budget of expenditure of the Council for next year had been fixed at \$12,000,000 as the result of a decision reached at a meeting of the Standing Committee held at Nanking on Thursday evening at the official residence of President Wang Ching-wei.

Mr. Soong said that the meeting was attended by all the members of the Committee except General Chiang Kai-shek who was absent due to indisposition. At the meeting, it was decided that of the total budgetary expenditure, a sum of \$6,000,000 would be devoted to the development of water conservancy works, \$3,000,000 to road construction, and the remaining \$3,000,000 to the development of the silk and cotton industry and other reconstruction projects.—(Chekia Agency).

INTERPROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS

New Road Now Being Surveyed

Chinkiang.—Surveys on the way between Kiangsu and Chekiang, linking up Haichow with Chengchow, are now in progress and construction work is scheduled to be started in the spring next year, according to information from the Provincial Department of Reconstruction here to-day. The total length of the highway is 128 kilometers.—(Chekia Agency).

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

One imported case of small-pox was reported in the Colony during the 24 hours ended December 27.

The Rev. Mother and Community of the Canossian Institute wish to thank the kind donors of Xmas gifts received for the orphans and inmates of the Italian Convent, St. Francis Hospital (Wanchai Branch), Honeyville (Home for the Blind), Pokfulam, and Shaikwan forphans.



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RECIPE No. 6.

MINCE MEAT CUSTARD-PIE

1 1/3 cups mince meat—1/2 Cup water—1/2 Cup sweetened condensed milk—2 eggs—2 tablespoons molasses—1 unbaked pie crust.
Break mince meat into pieces. Add cold water. Place over heat and stir until all lumps are thoroughly broken up. Bring to brisk boil; continue boiling for 8 minutes or until mixture is practically dry. Allow to cool. Blend together sweetened condensed milk, well beaten eggs, molasses and mince meat. Line nine-inch pie tin with pie crust and bake 5 minutes in a hot oven (400 degrees F.). Cool. Pour in filling. Bake about 30 minutes, or until custard is set, in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.). A topping of whipped cream may be added just before serving.

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RAWALPINDI	17,000	11th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.
*BANGALORE	6,000	24th Jan.	DO
TAKADA	8,000	24th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	25th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama.
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MUFFIN MEN AND FLOWER GIRLS

A Changing London
Driving Them Away

PICTURESQUE TRADES DYING

There is little room in the London of these days, so it seems, for the "Dickensian" muffin men and flower "girls" and some of the other picturesque street traders characteristic of the metropolis of the past.

The muffin men in particular are having a pretty thin time of it just now, largely as a result of the campaign now being carried on for a less noisy London. They have discovered that if they ring their small handbells in the streets of this city they are more than likely to incur the displeasure of the law.

In fact, one muffin man was charged in Westminster Police Court recently with "using a noisy instrument—to wit, a handbell." It transpired later that the law under which the charge was made dated back to 1839.

The magistrate had no option but to warn the offending muffin man that, technically at least, he was breaking the law, and advised him not to ring his bell again when a policeman was in the vicinity.

Muffin Men Disappearing
There are probably not more than twenty or thirty muffin men left in London now, although their small tin bells are still a familiar sound in the residential backstreets of the capital, particularly on cold Sunday afternoons in winter.

The men who still carry on their head-trays of muffins covered with green cloth are most of them following a family trade handed down from their grandfathers and great-grandfathers. The bells they use to-day—when the police are not listening—have in most cases been heard by three generations of Londoners.

Only a decade or so ago the muffin men did the baking and distributing of their own muffins. To-day, the five large muffin bakeries of London supply their muffins direct to retail shops while the old-fashioned muffin men have to work on a free-lance basis.

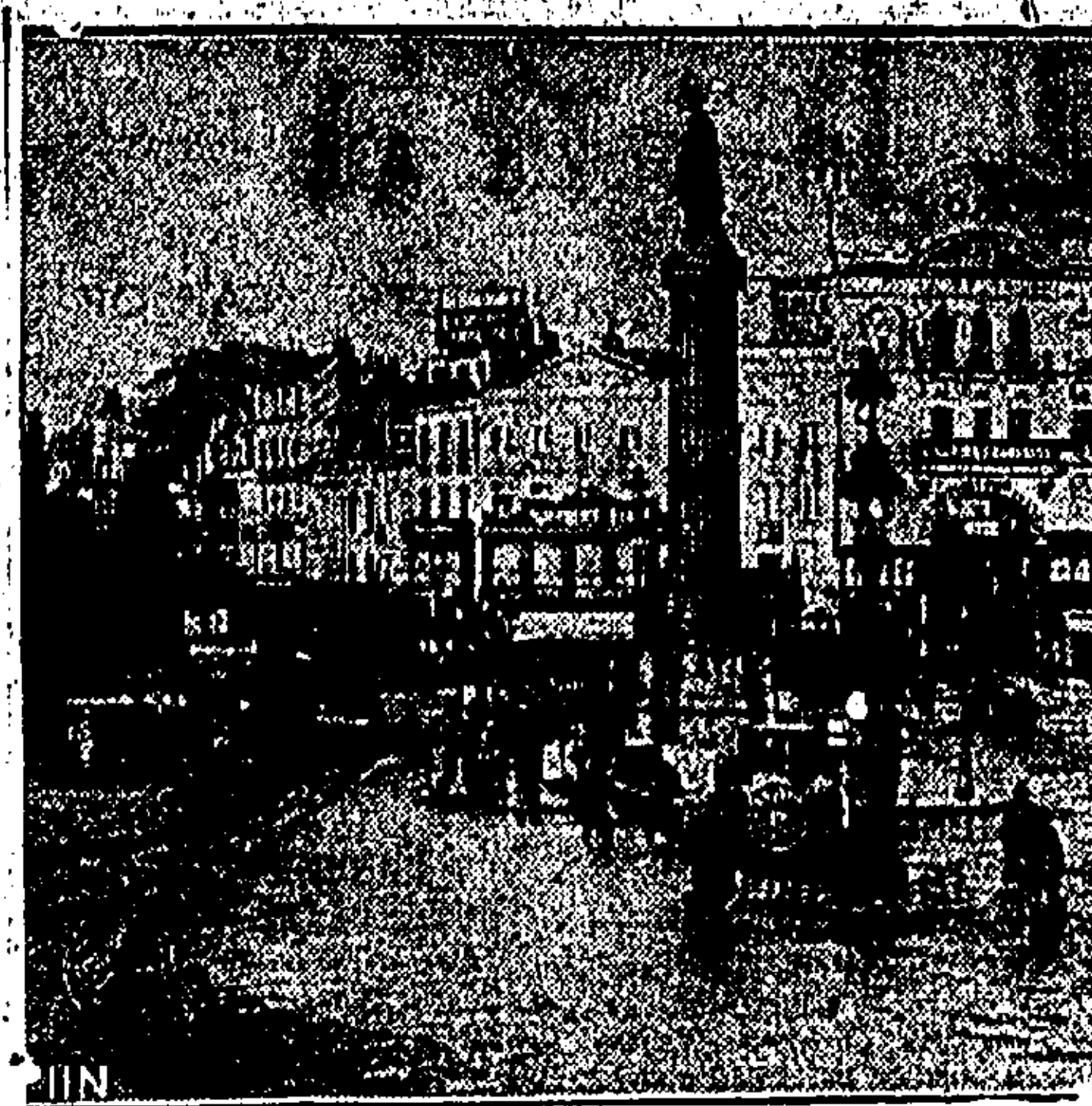
Incidentally, the muffin men belong to one of the few old street trades without a street-cry of their own. Their characteristic bells take the place of a cry. What the muffin men are wondering now is what is going to happen to them if they are deprived of their bells.

Another rapidly dwindling class of street traders are London's flower "girls." They have always been known as "girls," though few can be less than 55 years old. Their most famous pitch used to be on the steps of Sir Alfred Gilbert's statue of Eros in the middle of Piccadilly circus, in the heart of the West End shopping and theatre district. To-day there are only two, or occasionally three, of them there.

About seven years ago Eros was exiled for some time while Piccadilly Circus subway station was being rebuilt. During that period the flower girls had to move elsewhere. When they came back they discovered that Piccadilly Circus had been made into a swirling traffic "merry-go-round" into which only a few hardy or sentimental customers would venture to buy flowers from the steps of Eros.

Four Famous Figures
Another traditional pitch of the flower girls was the statue of Sir Robert Peel, in Cheapside, not far from the Bank of England. The Peel statue is to be banished in December to help speed up traffic in the City of London and the flower girls have had to move to the porch of St. Paul's Cathedral. There are four of them there now, ranging from Norah, who is nearly 70, to Old Nell, who is only 58. Two of them inherited the Peel statue pitch from their grandmothers. Old Nell has sold flowers there since she was eleven years old.

Flower selling in the City is not the brisk trade it used to be, according to these veterans of the profession. In the old days every City clerk used to buy a buttonhole on the way to his office. In these times of "skyscraper" office buildings and coloured traffic lights in the City, all that has gone by the board. The romantic days of bunches of violets and chrysanthemums disappeared with hansom-cabs, they say.



Several persons were injured in a renewal of political hostilities in various parts of France as the nation sought to show its military strength in the face of new fears of a re-arming Germany on Armistice Day. This photograph shows a view of Lille, scene of the most severe fighting, where Nationalists battled with Communists and Socialists.

Lady Harpton's Garden Party

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OLD WINDMILLS OF BRITAIN

Appeal For Funds To
Save Them

MOST ANCIENT SPECIMEN

A national appeal has been launched by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings for funds to save the windmills of Britain. Since 1931 the society has repaired on an average three mills each year.

Some of the mills still grind corn or cattle feed, and many more could be put into working order for a small sum or money.

Oldest Mill

The oldest known windmill in the British Isles is a tower mill in Sark, Channel Islands. The date of its building, 1571, is carved in stone over the doorway.

The Dame de Sark, who is the owner, has in her possession receipts, covering some 200 years, for repairs carried out to the mill by her predecessors.

Among those which have been repaired in the past twelve months by the society, or through their advice and help, are Burton Dassett mill in Warwickshire, from which the approach of the Armada was signalled, Moreton mill in Essex, and Oxtwood mill in Surrey. The windmill at Chailley, in Sussex, is used as a dwelling house in connection with the Cripples' Home. Bembridge mill, in the Isle of Wight, which is the only remaining windmill in the island. The only five-sailed mill in Yorkshire, at Seaton Ross, is still in working condition, but funds are needed for repairs.

VICTORY IN DEATH Cat Dies After Killing Six-foot Snake

A large cat balled up a six-foot black snake on a farm at Leeton, N.S.W. and, after circling warily, darted in with slashing claws. Several times it sprang away from the reptile's lunge, but the snake eventually fastened its fangs in the cat's throat and whipped its coils around its body.

The pair rolled in the grass, while the cat howled, spat, clawed and bit. After a terrific fight the snake relaxed its pressure, dead. The cat staggered away a few yards, fell, and died in a few minutes.

TORTOISE IN A WILL Left With Dogs And Cats To Housekeeper

Among the bequests to his housekeeper in the will of a London doctor who died, aged 71, in September, there are "livestock, including three dogs, two cats, a tortoise, and chickens."

The will is that of Dr. J. C. Worthington, of Sutherland-road, West Ealing. He left £31,309, with net personalty £29,508.

After other bequests Dr. Worthington left the residue of his property to the children of his daughter, "whom failing, to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

No hitch anywhere. Not even the feared difficulty of sending off the netting without the knowledge of Robin the old gardener, the tyrant. For Robin had cut his leg, scything, had been laid up for weeks. The new one was a little inexperienced, a little stupid. "Just about stupid enough," Kenneth had said judicially. "Won't remember too well: in case. But, of course, there's no danger!"

Yes, that's what he'd said. No danger. It was the rock she'd clung to all these last weeks. Why had that woman dared to contradict him? Naturally Kenneth knew best!

How confused one's thoughts were becoming. No sequence. No control. It was just half-past four. Henry would be having those strawberries quite soon, now. She had told the new man to pick some to-day; master would like them for tea.

Henry never went to garden-parties. How tiresome of him. He said he hadn't a decent suit; he said he couldn't stand puddle-faking. Well, this would be a lesson to him! So he was having tea alone. Kenneth had said it would be better if she wasn't there. And, of course, it had turned out miraculously, Maud's party the first day after the rain.... Perhaps Henry was biting one now, and blinking. How she loathed the very thought of him, of his weak smile, of being tied to him—

A sort of faintness flowed over her. "You are in grave, grave danger!" Why had she gone to that idiotic palmist? Nobody believed these things—it was only because she had felt so queer, so strung-up so nervous. Felt she must know. Yet all she had learnt was—

"Water!" cried Mrs. Hammond aloud, to her own surprise. She felt a burning sensation from head to foot. No one heard her in her retreat. "Now his breath will be going," she said to herself. Her heart began to pound unbearably. She was going, too, at the same time felt almost as if her own breath "Hell!" said the lovely lady. "I must control myself! Kenneth said 'Be natural, be ordinary,' there is no danger."

She gave a little sigh, the beautiful Mrs. Hammond, her hands fluttered to her heart; the colour drained slowly from her face; quite gently she collapsed sideways on the seat under the trees. Like a flower she lay there; a handful of peach-blossom, fallen to the ground.

Shouts. Commotion. Doctors. But it was poor Patsy O'Flanagan, one pitted most. "God help me!" she wailed, over and over, for weeks, and would not be comforted. "I'll never tell fortunes again! Nivert! Whatever could have possessed me, heaven forgive me, to be saying 'a thing like that? Wasn't it enough to startle a poor lady out of her wits? And it is so hot, and she, as the doctors say now, with 'a little one comin'! Who ever could have guessed she had a weak heart, the sweet, pretty, innocent creature!"

Yes, it was the beautiful Mrs. Hammond who died of heart-failure at Lady Harpton's garden-party.

You, see, by mistake, the stupid new gardener had put the strawberry-netting over the Hungarian lettuce.

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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Will Probably Come After Budget

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Washington, To-day.

Mr. James Byrnes stated yesterday that President Roosevelt will probably delay his Message to Congress until January 4, delivering his Budget Message first, after which the House will take up the Independent Offices Appropriating Bill as its first business.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

BRITISH AIR ACE'S TRIUMPH

Successful Air Mail Test Flight

London, to-day.

The De Havilland Comet aeroplane Queen Astrid, piloted by the British airman F. H. Waller and the Belgian Captain Franchomme arrived in Brussels at noon yesterday after covering over 1,000 miles in the flight from Oran, North Africa.

The airman, who were carrying out an experimental flight to examine the possibilities of a fast airmail service between Belgium and the Belgian Congo, were welcomed by a large gathering, including the British Ambassador to Brussels, Sir Esmond Ovey, and the Belgian Minister for Colonies.—British Wireless Service.

MAX BAER CAUSES SENSATION

This follows the equally sensational statement made by Baer recently, that he was quite prepared to defend his title against both King Levinsky and Stevie Hamas on the same night in bouts of four rounds each. Hamas was stated to have accepted the challenge.

NEW JAPANESE OIL LAW

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trade would be allotted to Japanese suppliers and that the effect of the law upon foreign companies would not only involve them in heavy additional capital expenditure, but would deprive them of opportunities to recoup themselves by increasing their trade.—British Wireless Service.

NEW YORK FOREIGN COPPER MARKET

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GOVT. OFFICIALS BACK TO DUTY

It is notified that the Hon. Mr. Richard McNeill Henderson resumed duty as Director of Public Works yesterday, and that Mr. David Mercer Macdougall, resumed duty as District Officer (South), New Territories, as from Boxing Day.

Mr. Eric Himsforth has resumed his duties of Assistant Head of the Sanitary Department, as from Thursday last.

RAILWAY INCOME DOWN

New York, to-day.—The Atchafalaya, Topeka and S. Fe Ry.'s net operating income for November totalled \$899,419 as against \$2,231,044 for November last year.—United Press per S. E. Levy and Company.

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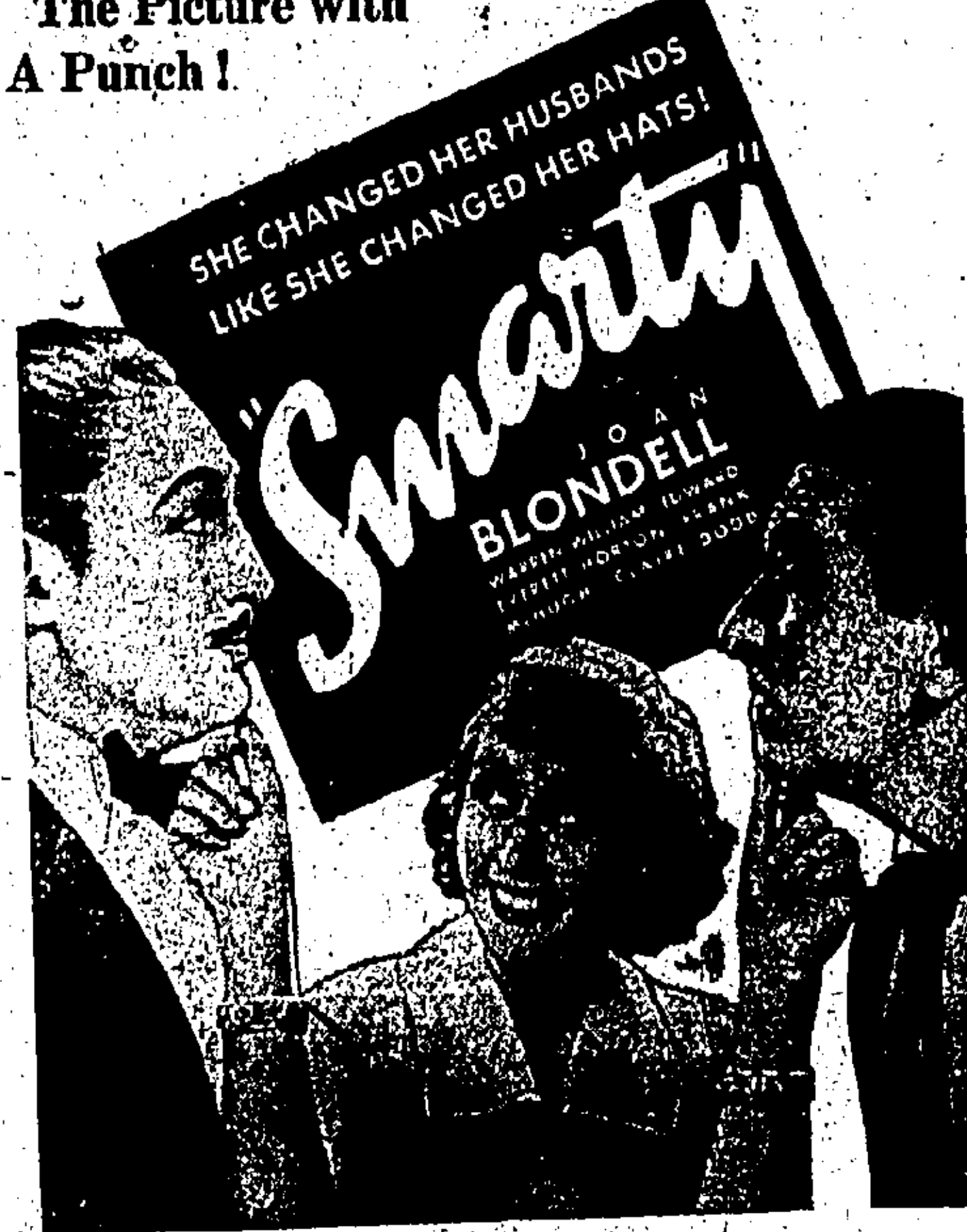
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